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Cc: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/30/2012 05:32 PM
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Has this one been resolved? John and I talked about it in early January. He referred the matter to ADEQ when it originally came in, but ADEQ's response was unclear.

Thanks,

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Subject: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

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HQ LEAD NUMBER: FY11-82406-  
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SUBJECT: Referred to Region -  
Arizona  
FROM: xxxxxxxx  
TO:  
Name: xxxx  
Address: xxxx  
City: Tucson  
State: Arizona  
Zip: xxxx  
Phone: xxxx  
Alleged Violator's Name: United States  
Coronado National Forest  
Alleged Violator's Address: 300 W  
Congress St  
Alleged Violator's City: Tucson  
Alleged Violator's State: Arizona  
Alleged Violator's Zip: 85749  
Tip or Complaint: Samples collected  
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Redington Road, in the Coronado  
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Alleged Violator's Name: United States

Coronado National Forest

Alleged Violator's Address: 300 W

Congress St

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It would be good to get one of our risk assessors or certified industrial hygienist (Corrective Action or Permitting) to help prepare a response to a future inquiry. It would be good in my mind to also work with ADEQ to develop the response. Once we have internal consensus on an approach, I will contact ADEQ at my level to start the root cause analysis.

John

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Eric Magnan---01/06/2012 03:11:40 PM---Thanks for correcting my misunderstanding. Will you be the one working to determine why the state d

From: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US
To: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/06/2012 03:11 PM
Subject: Re: Redington Pass

Thanks for correcting my misunderstanding. Will you be the one working to determine why the state did not adequately respond to the tip? In the meantime, what do you suggest is the best message for any press follow up?

Something like this may work:

EPA is concerned about the oral exposure potential for children eating dirt that contains bullet fragments. EPA is working with ADEQ to determine an adequate response to this complaint and to ensure the process for responding to tips on federal land is protective of human health and the environment.

Eric Magnan, P.E.
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John Schofield---01/06/2012 02:36:33 PM---Eric, I would not say this was a fair recall of our conversation. I do not know why ADEQ did not

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To: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/06/2012 02:36 PM
Subject: Re: Redington Pass

Eric,

I would not say this was a fair recall of our conversation. I do not know why ADEQ did not act on the referral. Maybe because the area is located within U. S. Forest Service land. I stated that the lead probably is in the form of lead shot or bullets. It is not going to be mobile (e.g., dust, limited rainfall). The major exposure route is going to be oral (children eating dirt which contains bullet fragments).

I did refer the tip/complaint to ADEQ. I think I provided this information to Margot a while back.

I stated the complainant's legitimate concern is potential exposure to children. I think the risk is low due to mobility issues. However, I am not a Certified Industrial Hygienist.

I think the best course of action is to perform a root cause analysis on why the tip/complaint was not adequately responded to by the state and/or EPA. With this information develop a process for responding to tips/complaints located on federal land. This would include discussions with each of the Region 9 states. My understanding is that states have the authority to impose State environmental laws/regulations on federal lands.

regards,

John

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Eric Magnan---01/06/2012 02:13:15 PM---Margot, John followed up with ADEQ on the Redington Pass tip and complaint a few weeks ago. ADEQ d

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To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA

Cc: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 01/06/2012 02:13 PM

Subject: Redington Pass

Margot,

John followed up with ADEQ on the Redington Pass tip and complaint a few weeks ago. ADEQ decided not to take any action because the lead is immobile and contained within individual spent cartridges and shot as opposed to being a dust, which is more mobile. This makes the exposure risk very low. Since, this is ADEQ's call to not take action, it will be better to have them directly comment on the decision if it comes up again. John, can you send the contact info for the person who handled this? We may issue a statement to any future questions saying that the state has an approved RCRA C program and we defer to their discretion/judgement on these decisions. How does that sound?

Eric

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Schofield, John

From: Magnan, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:57 AM
To: Schofield, John
Subject: FW: EPA enforcement/cleanup activity at Redington Pass, AZ

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From: Eric Magnan [mailto:Magnan.Eric@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:42 AM
To: Magnan, Eric
Subject: Fw: EPA enforcement/cleanup activity at Redington Pass, AZ

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From: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US
To: Leslie Ramirez/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,
Date: 12/06/2011 09:30 AM
Subject: Fw: EPA enforcement/cleanup activity at Redington Pass, AZ

Here's the initial story. Thanks,

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From: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US
To: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/30/2011 11:41 AM
Subject: Fw: EPA enforcement/cleanup activity at Redington Pass, AZ

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From: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US
To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/21/2011 01:22 PM
Subject: EPA enforcement/cleanup activity at Redington Pass, AZ

Margot,

Estrella Armijo suggested I contact you about ADEQ's inquiry regarding EPA enforcement activity at Redington Pass in Arizona. I'm the new RCRA enforcement liaison but don't know a think about this. Do you know who the appropriate contact person is? Thanks in advance.

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From: "Mel P. Bunkers" <Bunkers.Mel@azdeg.gov>
To: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/21/2011 08:07 AM
Subject: Information

Jennifer,

Can you please check into this investigation and provide me with some additional information such as who is working on this clean-up. ADEQ has no knowledge of this investigation and I need to provide some additional information to upper management.

Thank you
Mel

EPA looking into lead contamination at Redington Pass

Sonu Wasu, KOLD News 13

November 18, 2011

Conservationists were sounding the alarm about lead contamination at a popular recreation area in the Coronado National Forest.

KOLD News 13 has obtained a copy of a complaint filed with the EPA, citing concerns of extremely high levels of toxins found in soils at Redington Pass.

Redington Pass is a high mountain pass located between the Santa Catalina Mountains and the Rincons, just east of Tucson.

Cindy Tuell, a Southwest Conservation Advocate with the Center for Biological Diversity said the lead contamination was likely caused by the recreational shooting that was taking place at Redington Pass.

There were three unofficial shooting ranges in the area.

The area is littered with lead shells and bullet ridden trash that people have used for target practice.

Tuell said she was worried about the toxins in the soil, as well as the toxins leaching out of the hazardous waste that was piling up at Redington Pass.

A local youth group had to cancel their clean-up of the forest land after learning of the high levels of lead in the soil.

According to the complaint filed with the EPA, soil samples collected from various sites at Redington pass show extreme soil lead levels of 22,000mg/kg 7,400 mg/kg.

EPA officials released a statement saying: "Because of the pending enforcement actions the EPA cannot disclose information that may interfere with investigations."

A spokeswoman for the Coronado National Forest said they scheduled regular clean-ups in the area and were grateful to all the private groups that helped clean the forest. Heidi Schewel said she was not familiar with the lead contamination reports, and said she would look into it. Tuell felt simply cleaning up was not good enough.

"You can't just keep picking up trash, you've got to stop the flow of it," said Tuell.

Tuell added that she wanted the forest service to step up patrols and enforcement.

There were several signs warning people not to dump waste and to pick up their shell casings in the Redington Pass area.

Almost all of the signs we drove past were riddled with bullet holes.

Tuell said she did not feel safe bringing her children to Redington pass, as it did not seem like a family friendly area.

"You've got to let people know the soil is contaminated, you've got to stop people from abusing this land," said Tuell.

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Schofield, John

From: Magnan, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:56 AM
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Subject: FW: Redington Pass lead

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From: Eric Magnan [mailto:Magnan.Eric@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:38 AM
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From: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US
To: Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,
Date: 12/16/2011 05:45 PM
Subject: Fw: Redington Pass lead

Amy,

Glad we got to catch up on this. Here are the reporter's questions on Redington Pass. The original tip is at the bottom of this note for convenience. The reporter told Margot that ADEQ said they had no knowledge of this site. It seems like the reporter wasn't talking to the right person. Please pass along any updates to Margot. I will be out and working at home for a couple hours on Wednesday, Dec. 21 and back in the office on Jan. 3.

I don't know what we can put together on a general response for this one that will be satisfying for a reporter, especially since we have handed it off for another agency to handle. What do you think?

Thanks,

Eric

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Tip or Complaint: Samples collected March 3, 2011 near Mile Marker 6, Redington Road, in the Coronado National Forest show extreme soil lead levels of 22,000 mg/kg 7,400 mg/kg and. A CLEANUP, likely involving children and improper waste disposal may occur this Saturday March 12, 2011 at 3 shooting sites, from 10 feet to 100 feet north of Redington Road, near Mile Marker 6 of the US Coronado National Forest. Here is the lead soil sample data. The data was analyzed by Turner Labs of Tucson, AZ an accredited lab: Baseline sample taken South of Redington Road up near the

fenced pasture 1a. 4.3 mg/kg Sample from East of the corral, upstream in a little wash, off an OHV trail 1b.80 mg/kg
Shooting Area ♦ 3 ♦ the most eastern of the 3 North of Redington Rd. 2a

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From: "Wasu, Sonu" <swasu@kold.com>
To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/21/2011 01:49 PM
Subject: Re: Redington Pass lead

Hi Margot. I am actually off today.

I can give you a call tomorrow if that works for you. We really would like to stay in top of this story. It is of huge concern in this community. Where exactly does this complaint stand? Who is investigating it?

It has been filed for a while now
What does the epa plan to do with this next?

I am also trying to get some answers with the us forest service and ADEQ.
But they referred me to you. Seems like a lot if people are hesitant to talk about this. I am just wondering why it has been so long and nothing has been done.

Resident in the area and several local environmental groups are very concerned.

Thanks for all your help!
Connected by DROID on Verizon Wireless

-----Original message-----

From: "PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov" <PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov>
To: "Wasu, Sonu" <swasu@kold.com>
Sent: Mon, Nov 21, 2011 21:36:12 GMT+00:00
Subject: Re: Redington Pass lead

Sonu, Thanks so much for passing your story along, I really appreciate your follow up.

I just got a chance to look at the portion of the statement you used. Because I was unable to track down any information on this query under your tight deadline, I sent you a desk statement that neither confirms nor denies an investigation per the agency's long standing policy.

Perhaps we can chat at some point today?

Thanks!

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From: Margot PerezSullivan
Sent: 11/18/2011 09:53 AM EST
To: "Wasu, Sonu" <swasu@kold.com>
Subject: Re: Redington Pass lead

Yes, hopefully! Thanks Sonu!

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From: "Wasu, Sonu" [swasu@kold.com]
Sent: 11/18/2011 01:27 AM CST
To: Margot PerezSullivan
Subject: RE: Redington Pass lead

Hi! Thanks so much. I used a portion of your statement tonight. I will send you a link to my story.. hopefully can get some more information tomorrow or next week?

Sonu

From: PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov [PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2011 5:38 PM
To: Wasu, Sonu
Subject: Re: Redington Pass lead

I'm still trying to track this down. Is the story airing tonight? If so, you can use this:
EPA routinely investigates, issues notices of violations to, and enforces environmental violations against people or entities engaged in regulated activities. Because of the sensitivity of pending enforcement actions and pursuant to long-standing Agency policy, EPA does not disclose information that may interfere with active investigations, settlement negotiations or litigation.

Let me know and if I can find anything else out I will.

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From: "Wasu, Sonu" <swasu@kold.com>
To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/17/2011 01:45 PM
Subject: Redington Pass lead

Would be great to get a short statement .. if nothing else... thanks for your help on such short notice!!

Here is the copy of the complaint submitted to EPA.

Sonu Wasu
Reporter, KOLD-TV (520)349-6843

3/10/2011
2:10 PM
HQ LEAD
NUMBER:

FY11-
82406-
3708-CV
SUBJECT:

Referred
to Region -
Arizona
FROM:

xxxxxxx
TO:

Name:
xxxx
Address:

xxxx
City:
Tucson
State:

Arizona
Zip: xxxx
Phone:

xxxx
Alleged
Violator's

Name:
United
States
Coronado
National
Forest

Alleged
Violator's
Address:
300 W
Congress
St

Alleged
Violator's
City:
Tucson
Alleged
Violator's
State:
Arizona
Alleged
Violator's
Zip:
85749
Tip or
Complaint:
Samples
collected
March 3,
2011 near
Mile
Marker 6,
Redington
Road, in
the
Coronado
National
Forest
show
extreme
soil lead
levels of
22,000
mg/kg
7,400
mg/kg and.
A
CLEANUP,
likely
involving
children
and
improper
waste
disposal
may occur
this
Saturday
March 12,
2011 at 3
shooting
sites, from
10 feet to
100 feet
north of
Redington
Road, near
Mile
Marker 6
of the US
Coronado
National
Forest.

Here is the
lead soil
sample
data. The
data was
analyzed
by Turner
Labs of
Tucson,
AZ an
accreditad
lab:

Baseline
sample
taken
South of
Redington
Road up
near the
fenced
pasture 1a.
4.3 mg/kg
Sample
from East
of the
corral,
upstream
in a little
wash, off
an OHV
trail 1b.80
mg/kg
Shooting
Area ♦ 3

♦ the
most
eastern of
the 3 North
of
Redington
Rd. 2a

Schofield, John

From: Magnan, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:56 AM
To: Schofield, John
Subject: FW: Status of lead cleanup at Redington Pass related to tip & complaint

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From: Eric Magnan [mailto:Magnan.Eric@epamail.epa.gov]
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Subject: Fw: Status of lead cleanup at Redington Pass related to tip & complaint

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To: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,
Cc: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/30/2012 05:32 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Status of lead cleanup at Redington Pass related to tip & complaint

Hi Jennifer,

Has this one been resolved? John and I talked about it in early January. He referred the matter to ADEQ when it originally came in, but ADEQ's response was unclear.

Thanks,

Eric

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Jennifer Downey--01/24/2012 03:54:27 PM---Thanks Leslie. Let me know what you find out. I left a message for Mr. Nutter (gotta love the name

From: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US
To: Leslie Ramirez/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Matt Mitguard/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/24/2012 03:54 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Status of lead cleanup at Redington Pass related to tip & complaint

Thanks Leslie. Let me know what you find out. I left a message for Mr. Nutter (gotta love the name) letting him know that we're looking into it and will get back to him early next week.

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Leslie Ramirez---01/24/2012 03:03:20 PM---Hi Jennifer - Eric Magnan (who is cc'd) brought this to my attention a few weeks ago. I don't think

From: Leslie Ramirez/R9/USEPA/US
To: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Matt Mitguard/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/24/2012 03:03 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Status of lead cleanup at Redington Pass related to tip & complaint

Hi Jennifer - Eric Magnan (who is cc'd) brought this to my attention a few weeks ago. I don't think this is a site assessment issue, however Eric and I came to some agreement about a next step but I don't remember what that is. And unfortunately Eric is also out of the office this week. It's also unclear if the person (Mr. Nutter?) ever contacted the Forest Service for further information on the site? It seems that would be the next step because it's a public request regarding a site in a national forest, but I'm going to discuss it first with the federal facilities staff person in my section to see if there's someone at the Forest Service that can help out.

Leslie

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Jennifer Downey---01/24/2012 10:54:35 AM---Matt &/or Leslie, I'm following up on a tip & complaint regarding a lead soil clean up in Coronado N

From: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US
To: Matt Mitguard/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Leslie Ramirez/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/24/2012 10:54 AM
Subject: Fw: Status of lead cleanup at Redington Pass related to tip & complaint

Matt &/or Leslie,

I'm following up on a tip & complaint regarding a lead soil clean up in Coronado National Forest near Redington Road. I emailed Matt about this a month or so ago since ADEQ wanted to know what is going on there since they were getting calls about it. The complainant (Mr. Nutter) called again and wants to know the status of things. Do you have any information I can pass on to him? I imagine our RCRA tips and complaints person, John Schofield, knows something

about this but he's out until Thursday and I need to get back to the guy today. Thanks in advance.

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Cc: Steve Armann/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Max Weintraub/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/24/2012 09:04 AM
Subject: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

Jennfier: Can you check in with ADEQ on their investigation. Mr Nutter (original complainant has called). Please give him a call back today and tell him that you are checking on the status

Mr. Nutters number (810) 964-3248

*Below is the last email chain I have on the topic. I know that John had referred it to ADEQ and had sent you some emails on it in December

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To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/21/2011 10:19 AM
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

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To: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/21/2011 10:18 AM
Subject: Re: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

This tip/complaint was referred to Max Wientraub.

Gene Sylls
415.947.4272

From: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US
To: Gene Sylls/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/21/2011 09:50 AM
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

Gene,

I had received this tip/complaint directly from the complainant. I did not receive the referenced tip/complaint report issued through the tip/complaint hotline/web-report system (see below). Did you receive the tip/complaint and referred it to another person within Region 9? Just want to make sure that we have the right story before talking with the press.

Thanks,

John

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From: Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US
To: "John Schofield" <Schofield.John@epamail.epa.gov>, "Rich Vaille" <vaille.rich@epa.gov>
Date: 11/18/2011 04:08 PM
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

Could you look into this asap
Amy C. Miller
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----- Original Message -----

From: Rich Vaille
Sent: 11/18/2011 03:42 PM PST
To: Amy Miller
Cc: Rusty Harris-Bishop; Eric Magnan
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

Amy could you have the compliant person (Clint?) see if we have any record of the compliant noted below. thanks Rich

----- Forwarded by Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US on 11/18/2011 03:40 PM -----

From: Rusty Harris-Bishop/R9/USEPA/US
To: Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: perezsullivan.margot@epa.gov
Date: 11/18/2011 01:35 PM
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

Here is the reporter's inquiry, with the submitted report at the bottom.

Rusty

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Date: 11/17/2011 02:34 PM  
Subject: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

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Hi Rusty

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let me know your thoughts. they're on deadline for today.

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From: "Wasu, Sonu" <[swasu@kold.com](mailto:swasu@kold.com)>  
To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 11/17/2011 01:45 PM  
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3/10/2011 2:10 PM  
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SUBJECT: Referred to Region - Arizona  
FROM: xxxxxxxx  
TO:  
Name: xxxx  
Address: xxxx  
City: Tucson  
State: Arizona  
Zip: xxxx  
Phone: xxxx  
Alleged Violator's Name: United States  
Coronado National Forest  
Alleged Violator's Address: 300 W Congress St  
Alleged Violator's City: Tucson  
Alleged Violator's State: Arizona  
Alleged Violator's Zip: 85749  
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## Schofield, John

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**From:** Magnan, Eric  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:58 AM  
**To:** Schofield, John  
**Subject:** FW: Redington Pass lead

Eric Magnan, P.E.  
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**From:** Eric Magnan [mailto:Magnan.Eric@epamail.epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:49 AM  
**To:** Magnan, Eric  
**Subject:** Fw: Redington Pass lead

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To: Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Rusty Harris-Bishop/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,  
Date: 11/18/2011 02:54 PM  
Subject: Fw: Redington Pass lead

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Date: 11/18/2011 01:31 PM  
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Hi!! Here is a link to the story and video from my lead contamination story from last night.. if we can get more info or comments that would be great!! I am going to continue to follow this! =) Thank you for your help.. we stated that EPA was looking into the complaint and I used a portion of your statement!

<http://www.kold.com/story/16071942/epa-looking-into-lead-contamination-at-redington-pass>

**From:** [PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov) [mailto:[PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov)]

**Sent:** Friday, November 18, 2011 7:53 AM

**To:** Wasu, Sonu

**Subject:** Re: Redington Pass lead

Yes, hopefully! Thanks Sonu!

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**From:** "Wasu, Sonu" [swasu@kold.com]

**Sent:** 11/18/2011 01:27 AM CST

**To:** Margot PerezSullivan

**Subject:** RE: Redington Pass lead

Hi! Thanks so much. I used a portion of your statement tonight. I will send you a link to my story.. hopefully can get some more information tomorrow or next week?

Sonu

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**From:** PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov [PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2011 5:38 PM

**To:** Wasu, Sonu

**Subject:** Re: Redington Pass lead

I'm still trying to track this down. Is the story airing tonight? If so, you can use this:

EPA routinely investigates, issues notices of violations to, and enforces environmental violations against people or entities engaged in regulated activities. Because of the sensitivity of pending enforcement actions and pursuant to long-standing Agency policy, EPA does not disclose information that may interfere with active investigations, settlement negotiations or litigation.

Let me know and if I can find anything else out I will.

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**To:** Schofield, John  
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To: Nova Blazej/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,  
Date: 07/03/2012 11:44 AM  
Subject: Fw: Redington Pass lead

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To: "Eric Magnan" <[Magnan.Eric@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Magnan.Eric@epamail.epa.gov)>,  
Date: 04/10/2012 02:59 PM  
Subject: Fw: Redington Pass lead

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Hey Eric, here's our old friend re: Redington pass ... I already told her we don't comment on pending litigation, but did we put something together on this a while back?

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**From:** "Wasu, Sonu" [swasu@tucsonnewsnow.com]  
**Sent:** 04/10/2012 04:49 PM EST  
**To:** Margot PerezSullivan  
**Subject:** Redington Pass lead

Hi!! Here is a copy of the press release.

[http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press\\_releases/2012/lead-04-09-2012.html](http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2012/lead-04-09-2012.html)

Thanks =)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:59 AM  
**To:** Schofield, John  
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From: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US  
To: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,  
Date: 02/01/2012 02:54 PM  
Subject: Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

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Eric,

Here's what I sent Amy and John regarding Redington Pass.

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US on 02/01/2012 02:52 PM -----

From: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US  
To: Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 01/30/2012 12:31 PM  
Subject: Re: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

Amy,

Just wanted to let you know I followed up regarding the tip and complaint about Redington Pass. ADEQ is not involved in the investigation. The tip and complaint was sent to \$F/Site Assessment and they in turn have contacted the Forest Service. Mr. Nutter is not happy with the answers he's received so far so may continue to call just about anyone in hopes of coming up with an answer he likes better. Here's the information that Leslie sent me and that I communicated to Mr. Nutter, to the best of my ability:

*Carol Weinstein and I spoke to Eli Curiel at the Region 3 US Forest Service today to inquire about Redington Pass. He explained that the area is mainly used for non-sanctioned wildcat shooting as well as practice shooting (i.e., people use plastic bottles/cups and paper targets to practice shooting). The area is remote with no nearby residences and no perennial streams to support aquatic life. Eli recalls being contacted by a concerned citizen (he couldn't remember if it was Nutter) some months ago who raised the same issue - that children were going to "clean up" the lead-contaminated soil - which in this case is not true. The concerned citizen apparently collected the soil samples, and there is no way of knowing how or what was collected for the analysis. Eli said that USFS granted a request sometime last year from a local Boy Scout troop to clean up debris and trash left behind by shooters and that the Boy Scouts were informed to not remove any soil and take precautions such as wearing gloves and/or watering down the ground to reduce dust. The USFS do not plan on conducting any soil testing or sampling and they do not have any plans for soil clean up or removal activity. Eli also mentioned that they will be responding to a letter from an environmental organization (the Center for Biological Diversity?) stating the facts above and he hopes that this response will close out the issue.*

Jennifer Downey  
RCRA Enforcement Office  
Waste Management Division  
USEPA Southern CA Field Office  
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Los Angeles, CA 90017  
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☺ Amy Miller---01/24/2012 09:04:31 AM---Jennifer: Can you check in with ADEQ on their investigation. Mr Nutter (original complainant has

From: Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US  
To: [downey.jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:downey.jennifer@epa.gov)  
Cc: Steve Armann/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Max Weintraub/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 01/24/2012 09:04 AM  
Subject: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

Jennifer: Can you check in with ADEQ on their investigation. Mr Nutter (original complainant has called). Please give him a call back today and tell him that you are checking on the status

Mr. Nutters number (810) 964-3248

\*Below is the last email chain I have on the topic. I know that John had referred it to ADEQ and had sent you some emails on it in December

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To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 11/21/2011 10:19 AM  
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

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To: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 11/21/2011 10:18 AM  
Subject: Re: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

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This tip/complaint was referred to Max Wientraub.

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Gene Sylls  
415.947.4272

From: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US  
To: Gene Sylls/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 11/21/2011 09:50 AM  
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

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Gene,

I had received this tip/complaint directly from the complainant. I did not receive the referenced tip/complaint report issued through the tip/complaint hotline/web-report system (see below). Did you receive the tip/complaint and referred it to another person within Region 9? Just want to make sure that we have the right story before talking with the press.

Thanks,

John

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Could you look into this asap

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----- Original Message -----

From: Rich Vaille

Sent: 11/18/2011 03:42 PM PST

To: Amy Miller

Cc: Rusty Harris-Bishop; Eric Magnan

Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

Amy could you have the compliant person (Clint?) see if we have any record of the compliant noted below. thanks Rich

----- Forwarded by Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US on 11/18/2011 03:40 PM -----

From: Rusty Harris-Bishop/R9/USEPA/US  
To: Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: [perezsullivan.margot@epa.gov](mailto:perezsullivan.margot@epa.gov)  
Date: 11/18/2011 01:35 PM  
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

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Here is the reporter's inquiry, with the submitted report at the bottom.

Rusty



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Rusty Harris-Bishop
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November story...

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To: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,
Date: 11/30/2011 11:41 AM
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Subject: Re: Redington Pass lead

Hi Margot. I am actually off today.

I can give you a call tomorrow if that works for you. We really would like to stay in top of this story. It is of huge concern in this community. Where exactly does this complaint stand? Who is investigating it?

It has been filed for a while now

What does the epa plan to do with this next?

I am also trying to get some answers with the us forest service and ADEQ.

But they referred me to you. Seems like a lot if people are hesitant to talk about this. I am just wondering why it has been so long and nothing has been done.

Resident in the area and several local environmental groups are very concerned.

Thanks for all your help!

Connected by DROID on Verizon Wireless

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From: "PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov" <PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov>
To: "Wasu, Sonu" <swasu@kold.com>
Sent: Mon, Nov 21, 2011 21:36:12 GMT+00:00
Subject: Re: Redington Pass lead

Sonu, Thanks so much for passing your story along, I really appreciate your follow up.

I just got a chance to look at the portion of the statement you used. Because I was unable to track down any information on this query under your tight deadline, I sent you a desk statement that neither confirms nor denies an investigation per the agency's long standing policy.

Perhaps we can chat at some point today?

Thanks!

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From: Margot PerezSullivan
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Yes, hopefully! Thanks Sonu!

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Sent: 11/18/2011 01:27 AM CST
To: Margot PerezSullivan
Subject: RE: Redington Pass lead

Hi! Thanks so much. I used a portion of your statement tonight. I will send you a link to my story.. hopefully can get some more information tomorrow or next week?

Sonu

From: PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov [PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2011 5:38 PM
To: Wasu, Sonu
Subject: Re: Redington Pass lead

I'm still trying to track this down. Is the story airing tonight? If so, you can use this:
EPA routinely investigates, issues notices of violations to, and enforces environmental violations against people or entities engaged in regulated activities. Because of the sensitivity of pending enforcement actions and pursuant to long-standing Agency policy, EPA does not disclose information that may interfere with active investigations, settlement negotiations or litigation.

Let me know and if I can find anything else out I will. :
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Date: 11/17/2011 01:45 PM
Subject: Redington Pass lead

Would be great to get a short statement .. if nothing else... thanks for your help on such short notice!!

Here is the copy of the complaint submitted to EPA.

Sonu Wasu
Reporter, KOLD-TV (520)349-6843

3/10/2011

2:10 PM
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82406-
3708-CV
SUBJECT:

Referred
to Region -
Arizona

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TO:
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Address:
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City:
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State:
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Phone:

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Name:
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Address:

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MEDIA

Common Ground Magazine: Sent thank you note to Rob for the great feature story he did on Jared.
<http://www.sopdigitaledition.com/commonground/#!/48/> CLOSED Contact: Mary Simms

Waterworld Magazine: Sent thank you note to publisher for providing hard copies of recent full page spread in latest issue. On-line at

EPA Region 9 Focuses on Aiding "Underserved" Communities Region IX's Corine Li, Doug Eberhardt, and Karen Schwinn are quoted in article. CLOSED Contact: Mary Simms

Clear Channel: Producer wants to who the appropriate contact for the Clean the Air Campaign is. Sent information on local group working on this campaign in LA. CLOSED. Contact: Nahal Mogharabi.

KTLA Channel 5 Los Angeles: Reporter following up on EPA well installation and testing for Chrome-6 in Burbank. Reporter spoke with Lisa about a month ago and would like to follow on her story and attend and tape the field work. EPA is still working on getting site access for well installations. Followed up with reporter and let her know that timing has been pushed two weeks. OPEN. Contact: Nahal Mogharabi.

KOLD 13 (Tucson News Now) - comment on Center for Bio. Diversity press release that states Redington Pass ammunition lead is harmful for wildlife and the environment and plans to file lawsuit against EPA. Coordinating with waste division - OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan

AZ Daily Star - requested copy of DEIS letter for Carlota mine, send comment letter. Reporter still waiting on comments to Rosemont letter to supporters, which EPA will likely defer to Forest Service as lead agency - OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan

Cronkite News Service - questions on Carlota mine, coordinating with Water Division, reporter's deadline is Friday - OPEN. Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan

WEB

Social Media:

Children's Health - Posted to Twitter about the upcoming Webinar on Children's Health. The EPA Children's Center is offering a series of Webinars and the next one is tomorrow.

Children's Health Webinar

Fix a Leak - Posted to Facebook a photo album about the Fix a Leak Week fun run in Peoria, Arizona last month.

Clean Water Act Anniversary - Posted to Facebook a blog post about conserving water, by Nancy Stoner.

EPA's Pacific Southwest Facebook Page

EPA's Pacific Southwest Twitter Page

Website Updates:

Media Kit for I-710/Compton Event - Completed and posted online the media kit to support media coverage of the event on Thursday, April 12. The media kit is online now and a media advisory linking to the kit will be distributed to the press at approximately 6:00 am on Wednesday. The kit will be updated with photos, fact sheets and other materials in conjunction with the event on April 12.

Clean-Up in Compton - Media Kit

CONGRESSIONAL

Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-49): OCIR's Denis Borum contacted Region IX to join OCIR in a call with a staffer in Rep. Issa's office, Michael O'Neill, Sr. Legislative Assistant who was interested in getting a background briefing on water issues, particularly what EPA authorities and programs affect dry regions such as their Southern CA district. Gregory Peck, Chief of Staff in the Office of Water made himself available for this call. Jason Brush of our Water Division's Wetland's Office and Brent Maier participated in this call with Mr. O'Neill.

Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM): OCIR forwarded on some questions from the Senator's DC Legislative Assistant, Jeanette Lukens, regarding the cleanup status and contamination level of some mine and/or mill sites the Black Falls area. Brent

Maier has forwarded on these questions to Clancy Tenley and Nicole Moutoux in our Superfund Division and Linda Reeves in our Water Division.

Congressional Outreach on Motorola 52nd Street Superfund Site: Brent Maier shared with Congressional staff contacts in the offices of Rep. Ed Pastor (D-AZ-4) and Senators John McCain and Jon Kyl a March 2012 EPA fact sheet for the Motorola 52nd Street Superfund Site that announces an upcoming Community Informational Group (CIG) meeting which will take place on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 from 5:45-8:15 p.m. at the Sonoran Science Academy in Phoenix AZ, for the purpose of receiving and clarifying information related to the environmental cleanup of the area.

Congressional Outreach on Pacific Pipeline Superfund Site: Brent Maier shared with Congressional staff contacts in the offices of Rep. Elton Gallegly (D-CA-24) and Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein an April 2012 EPA fact sheet for the Pacific Pipeline Superfund Site that summarizes the final Record of Decision for the site and updates the public on work to date and provides information on upcoming site tours.

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I was out when this happened and am getting caught up on it now. The reporter published an initial story that came out on 11/18/11 that included an incorrect statement that EPA may have a pending enforcement action. The reporter took a general statement and misinterpreted it to make it specific to this site. The reporter has since submitted more questions, but has not checked back in with us on it. I'm going to work to get answers to the reporter's questions. I'll forward on to you also. Thanks,

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Date: 11/18/2011 01:35 PM
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Here is the reporter's inquiry, with the submitted report at the bottom.

Rusty

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Hi Rusty

I got this really strange query from a TV reporter in Tucson. This is a tips and complaints form that was submitted to us in March regarding a lead soil clean up in Coronado National Forest. They would like some sort of statement on this...I'm not even sure superfund is the appropriate place, but I thought maybe we could send something like, EPA investigates all tips and complaints received and has a longstanding policy of not commenting on enforcement investigations. Elevated lead in soil can pose a danger to the public..

let me know your thoughts. they're on deadline for today.

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Date: 11/17/2011 01:45 PM  
Subject: Redington Pass lead

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Sonu Wasu  
Reporter, KOLD-TV (520)349-6843

3/10/2011 2:10 PM  
HQ LEAD NUMBER: FY11-82406-3708-CV  
SUBJECT: Referred to Region - Arizona  
FROM: xxxxxxxx  
TO:  
Name: xxxx



Address: xxxx

City: Tucson

State: Arizona

Zip: xxxx

Phone: xxxx

Alleged Violator's Name: United States

Coronado National Forest

Alleged Violator's Address: 300 W Congress St

Alleged Violator's City: Tucson

Alleged Violator's State: Arizona

Alleged Violator's Zip: 85749

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Violation Still Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? No



## Schofield, John

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**From:** Magnan, Eric  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 12:00 PM  
**To:** Schofield, John  
**Subject:** FW: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

Eric Magnan, P.E.  
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----- Forwarded by Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US on 11/20/2013 11:52 AM -----

**From:** Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US  
**To:** Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,  
**Cc:** Rusty Harris-Bishop/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
**Date:** 11/18/2011 03:42 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

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Amy could you have the compliant person (Clint?) see if we have any record of the compliant noted below. thanks Rich  
----- Forwarded by Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US on 11/18/2011 03:40 PM -----

**From:** Rusty Harris-Bishop/R9/USEPA/US  
**To:** Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
**Cc:** [perezsullivan.margot@epa.gov](mailto:perezsullivan.margot@epa.gov)  
**Date:** 11/18/2011 01:35 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

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Here is the reporter's inquiry, with the submitted report at the bottom.

Rusty

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Rusty Harris-Bishop
EPA Region 9 Superfund
Project Manager/Communications Coordinator
415.972.3140
415.694.8840 (cell)
----- Forwarded by Rusty Harris-Bishop/R9/USEPA/US on 11/18/2011 01:32 PM -----

From: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US

To: Rusty Harris-Bishop/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/17/2011 02:34 PM
Subject: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

Hi Rusty

I got this really strange query from a TV reporter in Tucson. This is a tips and complaints form that was submitted to us in March regarding a lead soil clean up in Coronado National Forest. They would like some sort of statement on this...I'm not even sure superfund is the appropriate place, but I thought maybe we could send something like, EPA investigates all tips and complaints received and has a longstanding policy of not commenting on enforcement investigations. Elevated lead in soil can pose a danger to the public..

let me know your thoughts. they're on deadline for today.

Margot Perez-Sullivan

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I do not have any information on this complaint.

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Sent: Monday, November 21, 2011 10:45 AM
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03/14/2011 07:02 AM

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Has been referred to Pima County per delegation agreement.

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From: Schofield.John@epamail.epa.gov [<mailto:Schofield.John@epamail.epa.gov>]

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 11:33 AM

To: Mel P. Bunkers

Cc: Armijo.Estrella@epamail.epa.gov

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To: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 02/01/2012 02:54 PM
Subject: Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

Eric,

Here's what I sent Amy and John regarding Redington Pass.

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From: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US
To: Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: John Scholfield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/30/2012 12:31 PM
Subject: Re: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

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Carol Weinstein and I spoke to Eli Curiel at the Region 3 US Forest Service today to inquire about Redington Pass. He explained that the area is mainly used for non-sanctioned wildcat shooting as well as practice shooting (i.e., people use plastic bottles/cups and paper targets to practice shooting). The area is remote with no nearby residences and no perennial streams to support aquatic life. Eli recalls being contacted by a concerned citizen (he couldn't remember if it was Nutter) some months ago who raised the same issue - that children were going to "clean up" the lead-contaminated soil - which in this case is not true. The concerned citizen apparently collected the soil samples, and there is no way of knowing how or what was collected for the analysis. Eli said that USFS granted a request sometime last year from a local Boy Scout troop to clean up debris and trash left behind by shooters and that the Boy Scouts were informed to not remove any soil and take precautions such as wearing gloves and/or watering down the ground to reduce dust. The USFS do not plan on conducting any soil testing or sampling and they do not have any plans for soil clean up or removal activity. Eli also mentioned that they will be responding to a letter from an environmental organization (the Center for Biological Diversity?) stating the facts above and he hopes that this response will close out the issue.

Jennifer Downey
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Amy Miller---01/24/2012 09:04:31 AM---Jennifer: Can you check in with ADEQ on their investigation. Mr Nutter (original complainant has

To: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
From: Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US
Date: 04/11/2012 03:25PM
Cc: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Jim Polek/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Subject: Action;Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

Hi John

I remember talking about this with you and as I remember we really didn't have any authority. But since there is still media interest please send an email with the status of the issue and answers for the two questions that might get asked:

What are you doing about the site?

Why haven't you done anything about this site

Thanks Rich

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To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
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Date: 04/10/2012 05:18 PM
Subject: Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

Here's the latest status update I have. It's from Feb. 1.

Draft response language:

EPA is concerned about the oral exposure potential for children eating dirt that contains bullet fragments. EPA is working with ADEQ to determine an adequate response to this complaint and to ensure the process for responding to tips on federal land is protective of human health and the environment.

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Rich Vaillie

Okay but somebody -ADEQ still needs to follow...

04/11/2012 04:10:46 PM

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Date: 04/11/2012 04:10 PM
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Okay but somebody -ADEQ still needs to follow up --is that happening?

John Schofield

Rich, We had referred this tip/complaint to ADE...

04/11/2012 04:01:07 PM

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To: Rich Vaillie/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Jim Polek/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 04/11/2012 04:01 PM
Subject: Re: Action;Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

Rich,

We had referred this tip/complaint to ADEQ last April I believe. I have to go back through e-mails. I followed up with ADEQ. ADEQ did not investigate. It fell through the cracks due to resource issues. Jennifer and I followed up with ADEQ about how to ensure that a referred tips/complaints are managed in accordance with ADEQ policies and procedures. Typically ADEQ responds promptly and adequately to tips/complaints. Basically the agreement is that Randy Matas will be copied on all tips/complaints. Additionally, if it involves BLM or NPS land, EPA will copy the appropriate agency on the referral.
John

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-----Rich Vaillie/R9/USEPA/US wrote: -----



Re: Action;Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV ☐
John Schofield to: Jennifer Downey

04/12/2012 12:28 PM

Jennifer,

Either I forgot or did not know you had followed up on this. I was soooooooo glad you did!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
I have about 4 or 5 reoccurring complaints (this being one). When you think they have been addressed,
they pop back up.

John

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Jennifer Downey Rich, I've cut and pasted the information from ea...

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Mr. Nutters number (810) 964-3248

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Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

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From: Rich Vaillie

Sent: 11/18/2011 03:42 PM PST

To: Amy Miller

Cc: Rusty Harris-Bishop; Eric Magnan

Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw:

Redington Pass lead

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From: Rusty Harris-Bishop/R9/USEPA/US

To: Rich.Vaillie/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA

Cc: perezsullivan.margot@epa.gov

Date: 11/18/2011 01:35 PM

Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

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3/10/2011 2:10 PM
HQ LEAD NUMBER:
FY11-82406-3708-CV

SUBJECT: Referred
to Region - Arizona
FROM: xxxxxxx
TO:
Name: xxxx
Address: xxxx
City: Tucson
State: Arizona
Zip: xxxx
Phone: xxxx

Alleged Violator's
Name: United States
Coronado National
Forest

Alleged Violator's
Address: 300 W
Congress St

Alleged Violator's
City: Tucson

Alleged Violator's
State: Arizona

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85749

Tip or Complaint:

Samples collected

March 3, 2011 near

Mile Marker 6,

Redington Road, in

the Coronado National

Forest show extreme
soil lead levels of

22,000 mg/kg 7,400
mg/kg and. A
CLEANUP: likely
involving children and
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disposal may occur
this Saturday March
12, 2011 at 3 shooting
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100 feet north of
Redington Road, near
Mile Marker 6 of the
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lead soil sample data.
The data was
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Labs of Tucson, AZ an
accredited lab:
Baseline sample
taken South of
Redington Road up
near the fenced
pasture 1a: 4.3 mg/kg
Sample from East of
the corral, upstream in
a little wash, off an
OHV trail 1b: 80 mg/kg
Shooting Area ♦ 3 ♦
the most eastern of
the 3 North of
Redington Rd. 2a:
22,000 mg/kg wash
basin low spot 2b:
1,200 mg/kg
downstream ~25 +feet
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leaching etc.

Violation Still

Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM

Notified? No

From: Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US
To: downey.jennifer@epa.gov
Cc: Steve Armann/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Max Weintraub/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/24/2012 09:04 AM
Subject: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

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SUBJECT: Referred to Region - Arizona

FROM: xxxxxxxx

TO:

Name: xxxx

Address: xxxx

City: Tucson

State: Arizona

Zip: xxxx

Phone: xxxx

Alleged Violator's Name: United States Coronado
National Forest

Alleged Violator's Address: 300 W Congress St

Alleged Violator's City: Tucson

Alleged Violator's State: Arizona

Alleged Violator's Zip: 85749

Tip or Complaint: Samples collected March 3, 2011
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Violation Still Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? No



Re: Action;Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV [1]
Rich Vaille to: Jennifer Downey
Cc: John Schofield, Jim Polek

04/11/2012 05:33 PM

Thanks Jennifer. I thought I remembered there being more to the story
Jennifer Downey

----- Original Message -----

From: Jennifer Downey
Sent: 04/11/2012 05:02 PM PDT
To: Rich Vaille
Cc: John Schofield; Jim Polek
Subject: Re: Action;Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead:
FY11-82406-3708-CV
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Rich Vaille

Okay but somebody -ADEQ still needs to follow...

04/11/2012 04:10:44 PM

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Date: 04/11/2012 04:10 PM
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John Schofield Rich, We had referred this tip/complaint to ADE...

04/11/2012 04:01:07 PM

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To: Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Jim Polek/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 04/11/2012 04:01 PM
Subject: Re: Action;Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

Rich,

We had referred this tip/complaint to ADEQ last April I believe. I have to go back through e-mails. I followed up with ADEQ. ADEQ did not investigate. It fell through the cracks due to resource issues. Jennifer and I followed up with ADEQ about how to ensure that a referred tips/complaints are managed in accordance with ADEQ policies and procedures. Typically ADEQ responds promptly and adequately to tips/complaints. Basically the agreement is that Randy Matas will be copied on all tips/complaints. Additionally, if it involves BLM or NPS land, EPA will copy the appropriate agency on the referral.

John

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Hi John

I remember talking about this with you and as I remember we really didn't have any authority. But since there is still media interest please send an email with the status of the issue and answers for the two questions that might get asked:

What are you doing about the site?

Why haven't you done anything about this site?

thanks Rich

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Here's the latest status update I have. It's from Feb. 1.

Draft response language:

EPA is concerned about the oral exposure potential for children eating dirt that contains bullet fragments. EPA is working with ADEQ to determine an adequate response to this complaint and to ensure the process for responding to tips on federal land is protective of human health and the environment.

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From: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US
To: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 02/01/2012 02:54 PM
Subject: Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

Eric,

Here's what I sent Amy and John regarding Redington Pass.

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From: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US
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Here is the reporter's inquiry, with the submitted report at the bottom.

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I got this really strange query from a TV reporter in Tucson. This is a tips and complaints form that was submitted to us in March regarding a lead soil clean up in Coronado National Forest. They would like some sort of statement on this...I'm not even sure superfund is the appropriate place, but I thought maybe we could send something like, EPA investigates all tips and complaints received and has a longstanding policy of not commenting on enforcement investigations. Elevated lead in soil can pose a danger to the public..

let me know your thoughts. they're on deadline for today.

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Date: 11/17/2011 01:45 PM
Subject: Redington Pass lead

Would be great to get a short statement .. if nothing else... thanks for your help on such short notice !!

Here is the copy of the complaint submitted to EPA.

Sonu Wasu

Reporter, KOLD-TV (520)349-6843

3/10/2011 2:10 PM

HQ LEAD NUMBER: FY11-82406-3708-CV

SUBJECT: Referred to Region - Arizona

FROM: xxxxxxxx

TO:

Name: xxxx

Address: xxxx

City: Tucson

State: Arizona

Zip: xxxx

Phone: xxxx

Alleged Violator's Name: United States Coronado
National Forest

Alleged Violator's Address: 300 W Congress St

Alleged Violator's City: Tucson

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Stan Helen and Mr. Jim Upchurch.

Specific Directions: Very easy to find. Enter the Coronado National Forest, "Redington Pass" area, by traveling east on Redington Road to Mile Marker 6, apx. 3 long term shooting sites have accumulated much soil embedded, eroded lead, up to 22,000 mg/kg in low water-wash area of the shooting embankment. Children will be cleaning up this lead-soil, and adults tracking it, and then non-hazardous disposal (this is a likely guess, but probable) will occur at some landfill without providing Lead soil data, including leaching etc.

Violation Still Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? No



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3/10/2011 2:10 PM

HQ LEAD NUMBER: FY11-82406-3708-CV

SUBJECT: Referred to Region - Arizona

FROM: xxxxxxxx

TO:

Name: xxxx

Address: xxxx

City: Tucson

State: Arizona

Zip: xxxx

Phone: xxxx

Alleged Violator's Name: United States Coronado
National Forest

Alleged Violator's Address: 300 W Congress St

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Alleged Violator's Zip: 85749

Tip or Complaint: Samples collected March 3, 2011
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Area 3 the most eastern of the 3 North of
Redington Rd. 2a: 22,000 mg/kg wash basin low spot
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Violation Still Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? No



Re: Action;Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV []
John Schofield To: Jennifer Downey

04/12/2012 12:28 PM

Jennifer,

Either I forgot or did not know you had followed up on this. I was soooooo glad you did!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
I have about 4 or 5 reoccurring complaints (this being one). When you think they have been addressed,
they pop back up.

John

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Jennifer Downey Rich, I've cut and pasted the information from ea...

04/11/2012 05:02:39 PM

From: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US
To: Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Jim Polek/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 04/11/2012 05:02 PM
Subject: Re: Action;Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

Rich,

I've cut and pasted the information from earlier in this email chain that I sent to Amy a couple months ago.
We followed up on the complaint. ADEQ is not involved.

Amy,

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Rich Vaille

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04/11/2012 04:10:44 PM

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Date: 04/11/2012 04:10 PM
Subject: Re: Action/Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

Okay but somebody -ADEQ still needs to follow up --is that happening?

John Schofield

Rich, We had referred this tip/complaint to ADE...

04/11/2012 04:01:07 PM

From: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US
To: Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Jim Polek/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 04/11/2012 04:01 PM
Subject: Re: Action/Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

Rich,

We had referred this tip/complaint to ADEQ last April I believe. I have to go back through e-mails. I followed up with ADEQ. ADEQ did not investigate. It fell through the cracks due to resource issues. Jennifer and I followed up with ADEQ about how to ensure that a referred tips/complaints are managed in accordance with ADEQ policies and procedures. Typically ADEQ responds promptly and adequately to tips/complaints. Basically the agreement is that Randy Matas will be copied on all tips/complaints. Additionally, if it involves BLM or NPS land, EPA will copy the appropriate agency on the referral.

John

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Hi John

I remember talking about this with you and as I remember we really didn't have any authority. But since there is still media interest please send an email with the status of the issue and answers for the two questions that might get asked:

What are you doing about the site?

Why haven't you done anything about this site

thanks Rich

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Here's the latest status update I have. It's from Feb. 1.

Draft response language:

EPA is concerned about the oral exposure potential for children eating dirt that contains bullet fragments. EPA is working with ADEQ to determine an adequate response to this complaint and to ensure the process for responding to tips on federal land is protective of human health and the environment.

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To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 02/01/2012 04:48 PM
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Here's the latest I've heard on Redington Pass.

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From: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US
To: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 02/01/2012 02:54 PM
Subject: Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

Eric,

Here's what I sent Amy and John regarding Redington Pass.

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US on 02/01/2012 02:52 PM -----

From: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US
To: Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/30/2012 12:31 PM
Subject: Re: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

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Amy Miller---01/24/2012 09:04:31 AM---Jennifer: Can you check in with ADEQ on their investigation. Mr Nutter (original complainant has

From: Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US
To: downey.jennifer@epa.gov
Cc: Steve Armann/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Max Weintraub/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/24/2012 09:04 AM
Subject: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

Jennifer: Can you check in with ADEQ on their investigation. Mr Nutter (original complainant has called). Please give him a call back today and tell him that you are checking on the status

Mr. Nutters number (810) 964-3248

*Below is the last email chain I have on the topic. I know that John had referred it to ADEQ and had sent you some emails on it in December

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----- Forwarded by Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US on 01/24/2012 09:00 AM -----

From: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US
To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/21/2011 10:19 AM
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

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Date: 11/21/2011 10:18 AM
Subject: Re: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

This tip/complaint was referred to Max Wientraub.

Gene Sylls
415.947.4272

From: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US
To: Gene Sylls/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/21/2011 09:50 AM
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead; FY11-B2406-3703-CV

Gene,

I had received this tip/complaint directly from the complainant. I did not receive the referenced tip/complaint report issued through the tip/complaint hotline/web-report system (see below). Did you receive the tip/complaint and referred it to another person within Region 9? Just want to make sure that we have the right story before talking with the press.

Thanks,

John

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Date: 11/18/2011 04:08 PM
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

Could you look into this asap

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----- Original Message -----

From: Rich Vaille
Sent: 11/18/2011 03:42 PM PST
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Cc: Rusty Harris-Bishop; Eric Magnan
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

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3/10/2011 2:10 PM

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SUBJECT: Referred to Region - Arizona

FROM: xxxxxxxx

TO:

Name: xxxx

Address: xxxx

City: Tucson

State: Arizona

Zip: xxxx

Phone: xxxx

Alleged Violator's Name: United States Coronado
National Forest

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Violation Still Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? No



Schofield, John

From: Magnan, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 12:00 PM
To: Schofield, John
Subject: FW: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

Eric Magnan, P.E.
U.S. EPA | Enforcement Division
415.947.4179

From: Eric Magnan [mailto:Magnan.Eric@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:52 AM
To: Magnan, Eric
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

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----- Forwarded by Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US on 11/20/2013 11:51 AM -----

From: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US
To: Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,
Date: 11/30/2011 01:53 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

I was out when this happened and am getting caught up on it now. The reporter published an initial story that came out on 11/18/11 that included an incorrect statement that EPA may have a pending enforcement action. The reporter took a general statement and misinterpreted it to make it specific to this site. The reporter has since submitted more questions, but has not checked back in with us on it. I'm going to work to get answers to the reporter's questions. I'll forward on to you also. Thanks,

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Phone: xxxx

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Coronado National Forest

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Alleged Violator's Zip: 85749

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Violation Still Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? No





## Schofield, John

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**From:** Magnan, Eric  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 12:00 PM  
**To:** Schofield, John  
**Subject:** FW: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

Eric Magnan, P.E.  
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**From:** Eric Magnan [mailto:Magnan.Eric@epamail.epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:52 AM  
**To:** Magnan, Eric  
**Subject:** Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

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Phone: 415.947.4179  
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**From:** Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US  
**To:** Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,  
**Cc:** Rusty Harris-Bishop/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
**Date:** 11/18/2011 03:42 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

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Amy could you have the compliant person (Clint?) see if we have any record of the compliant noted below. thanks Rich  
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**From:** Rusty Harris-Bishop/R9/USEPA/US  
**To:** Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
**Cc:** [perezsullivan.margot@epa.gov](mailto:perezsullivan.margot@epa.gov)  
**Date:** 11/18/2011 01:35 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

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Here is the reporter's inquiry, with the submitted report at the bottom.

Rusty

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From: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US

To: Rusty Harris-Bishop/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/17/2011 02:34 PM
Subject: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

Hi Rusty

I got this really strange query from a TV reporter in Tucson. This is a tips and complaints form that was submitted to us in March regarding a lead soil clean up in Coronado National Forest. They would like some sort of statement on this...I'm not even sure superfund is the appropriate place, but I thought maybe we could send something like, EPA investigates all tips and complaints received and has a longstanding policy of not commenting on enforcement investigations. Elevated lead in soil can pose a danger to the public..

let me know your thoughts. they're on deadline for today.

Margot Perez-Sullivan

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From: "Wasu, Sonu" <swasu@kold.com>

To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 11/17/2011 01:45 PM

Subject: Redington Pass lead

Would be great to get a short statement .. if nothing else... thanks for your help on such short notice!!

Here is the copy of the complaint submitted to EPA.

Sonu Wasu

Reporter, KOLD-TV (520)349-6843

3/10/2011 2:10 PM

HQ LEAD NUMBER: FY11-82406-3708-CV

SUBJECT: Referred to Region - Arizona

FROM: xxxxxxxx

TO:

Name: xxxx

Address: xxxx

City: Tucson

State: Arizona

Zip: xxxx

Phone: xxxx

Alleged Violator's Name: United States

Coronado National Forest

Alleged Violator's Address: 300 W Congress St

Alleged Violator's City: Tucson

Alleged Violator's State: Arizona

Alleged Violator's Zip: 85749

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Violation Still Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? No

Schofield, John

From: Magnan, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:59 AM
To: Schofield, John
Subject: FW: EPA enforcement/cleanup activity at Redington Pass, AZ

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From: Eric Magnan [mailto:Magnan.Eric@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:51 AM
To: Magnan, Eric
Subject: Fw: EPA enforcement/cleanup activity at Redington Pass, AZ

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From: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US
To: Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,
Date: 11/30/2011 01:55 PM
Subject: Fw: EPA enforcement/cleanup activity at Redington Pass, AZ

Rich,

Here's the story from Nov. 18th.

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From: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US
To: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/30/2011 11:41 AM
Subject: Fw: EPA enforcement/cleanup activity at Redington Pass, AZ

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From: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US

To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/21/2011 01:22 PM
Subject: EPA enforcement/cleanup activity at Redington Pass, AZ

Margot,

Estrella Armijo suggested I contact you about ADEQ's inquiry regarding EPA enforcement activity at Redington Pass in Arizona. I'm the new RCRA enforcement liaison but don't know a think about this. Do you know who the appropriate contact person is? Thanks in advance.

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--- Forwarded by Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US on 11/21/2011 01:14 PM ---

From: "Mel P. Bunkers" <Bunkers.Mel@azdeq.gov>
To: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/21/2011 08:07 AM
Subject: Information

Jennifer,

Can you please check into this investigation and provide me with some additional information such as who is working on this clean-up. ADEQ has no knowledge of this investigation and I need to provide some additional information to upper management.

Thank you
Mel

EPA looking into lead contamination at Redington Pass

Sonu Wasu, KOLD News 13

November 18, 2011

Conservationists were sounding the alarm about lead contamination at a popular recreation area in the Coronado National Forest.

KOLD News 13 has obtained a copy of a complaint filed with the EPA, citing concerns of extremely high levels of toxins found in soils at Redington Pass.

Redington Pass is a high mountain pass located between the Santa Catalina Mountains and the Rincons, just east of Tucson.

Cindy Tuell, a Southwest Conservation Advocate with the Center for Biological Diversity said the lead contamination was likely caused by the recreational shooting that was taking place at Redington Pass..

There were three unofficial shooting ranges in the area.

The area is littered with lead shells and bullet ridden trash that people have used for target practice.

Tuell said she was worried about the toxins in the soil, as well as the toxins leaching out of the hazardous waste that was piling up at Redington Pass.

A local youth group had to cancel their clean-up of the forest land after learning of the high levels of lead in the soil.

According to the complaint filed with the EPA, soil samples collected from various sites at Redington pass show extreme soil lead levels of 22,000mg/kg 7,400 mg/kg.

EPA officials released a statement saying: "Because of the pending enforcement actions the EPA cannot disclose information that may interfere with investigations."

A spokeswoman for the Coronado National Forest said they scheduled regular clean-ups in the area and were grateful to all the private groups that helped clean the forest. Heidi Schewel said she was not familiar with the lead contamination reports, and said she would look into it. Tuell felt simply cleaning up was not good enough.

"You can't just keep picking up trash, you've got to stop the flow of it," said Tuell.

Tuell added that she wanted the forest service to step up patrols and enforcement.

There were several signs warning people not to dump waste and to pick up their shell casings in the Redington Pass area.

Almost all of the signs we drove past were riddled with bullet holes.

Tuell said she did not feel safe bringing her children to Redington pass, as it did not seem like a family friendly area.

"You've got to let people know the soil is contaminated, you've got to stop people from abusing this land," said Tuell.

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From: Magnan, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:56 AM
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Subject: FW: Redington Pass lead

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From: Eric Magnan [mailto:Magnan.Eric@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:38 AM
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From: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US
To: Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,
Date: 12/16/2011 05:45 PM
Subject: Fw: Redington Pass lead

Amy,

Glad we got to catch up on this. Here are the reporter's questions on Redington Pass. The original tip is at the bottom of this note for convenience. The reporter told Margot that ADEQ said they had no knowledge of this site. It seems like the reporter wasn't talking to the right person. Please pass along any updates to Margot. I will be out and working at home for a couple hours on Wednesday, Dec. 21 and back in the office on Jan. 3.

I don't know what we can put together on a general response for this one that will be satisfying for a reporter, especially since we have handed it off for another agency to handle. What do you think?

Thanks,

Eric

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From: "Wasu, Sonu" <swasu@kold.com>
To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/21/2011 01:49 PM
Subject: Re: Redington Pass lead

Hi Margot. I am actually off today.

I can give you a call tomorrow if that works for you. We really would like to stay in top of this story. It is of huge concern in this community. Where exactly does this complaint stand? Who is investigating it?

It has been filed for a while now

What does the epa plan to do with this next?

I am also trying to get some answers with the us forest service and ADEQ.

But they referred me to you. Seems like a lot if people are hesitant to talk about this. I am just wondering why it has been so long and nothing has been done.

Resident in the area and several local environmental groups are very concerned.

Thanks for all your help!

Connected by DROID on Verizon Wireless

-----Original message-----

From: "PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov" <PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov>
To: "Wasu, Sonu" <swasu@kold.com>
Sent: Mon, Nov 21, 2011 21:36:12 GMT+00:00
Subject: Re: Redington Pass lead

Sonu, Thanks so much for passing your story along, I really appreciate your follow up.

I just got a chance to look at the portion of the statement you used. Because I was unable to track down any information on this query under your tight deadline, I sent you a desk statement that neither confirms nor denies an investigation per the agency's long standing policy.

Perhaps we can chat at some point today?

Thanks!

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From: Margot PerezSullivan
Sent: 11/18/2011 09:53 AM EST
To: "Wasu, Sonu" <swasu@kold.com>
Subject: Re: Redington Pass lead

Yes, hopefully! Thanks Sonu!

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From: "Wasu, Sonu" [swasu@kold.com]
Sent: 11/18/2011 01:27 AM CST
To: Margot PerezSullivan
Subject: RE: Redington Pass lead

Hi! Thanks so much. I used a portion of your statement tonight. I will send you a link to my story.. hopefully can get some more information tomorrow or next week?

Sonu

From: PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov [PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2011 5:38 PM
To: Wasu, Sonu
Subject: Re: Redington Pass lead

I'm still trying to track this down. Is the story airing tonight? If so, you can use this:

EPA routinely investigates, issues notices of violations to, and enforces environmental violations against people or entities engaged in regulated activities. Because of the sensitivity of pending enforcement actions and pursuant to long-standing Agency policy, EPA does not disclose information that may interfere with active investigations, settlement negotiations or litigation.

Let me know and if I can find anything else out I will.

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From: "Wasu, Sonu" <swasu@kold.com>
To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/17/2011 01:45 PM
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Reporter, KOLD-TV (520)349-6843

3/10/2011
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FY11-
82406-
3708-CV
SUBJECT:
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City:
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State:
Arizona
Zip: xxxx
Phone:
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States
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City:
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State:
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Zip:
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100 feet
north of
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of the US
Coronado
National
Forest.

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an OHV
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From: Magnan, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:56 AM
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From: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US
To: Leslie Ramirez/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,
Cc: Matt Mitguard/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/24/2012 03:54 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Status of lead cleanup at Redington Pass related to tip & complaint

Thanks Leslie. Let me know what you find out. I left a message for Mr. Nutter (gotta love the name) letting him know that we're looking into it and will get back to him early next week.

Jennifer Downey
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Leslie Ramirez---01/24/2012 03:03:20 PM---Hi Jennifer - Eric Magnan (who is cc'd) brought this to my attention a few weeks ago. I don't think

From: Leslie Ramirez/R9/USEPA/US
To: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Matt Mitguard/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/24/2012 03:03 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Status of lead cleanup at Redington Pass related to tip & complaint

Hi Jennifer - Eric Magnan (who is cc'd) brought this to my attention a few weeks ago. I don't think this is a site assessment issue, however Eric and I came to some agreement about a next step but I don't remember what that is. And unfortunately Eric is also out of the office this week. It's also unclear if the person (Mr. Nutter?) ever contacted the Forest Service for further information on the site? It seems that would be the next step because it's a public request regarding a site in a national forest, but I'm going to discuss it first with the federal facilities staff person in my section to see if there's someone at the Forest Service that can help out.

Leslie

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Jennifer Downey---01/24/2012 10:54:35 AM---Matt &/or Leslie, I'm following up on a tip & complaint regarding a lead soil clean up in Coronado N

From: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US
To: Matt Mitguard/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Leslie Ramirez/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/24/2012 10:54 AM
Subject: Fw: Status of lead cleanup at Redington Pass related to tip & complaint

Matt &/or Leslie,

I'm following up on a tip & complaint regarding a lead soil clean up in Coronado National Forest near Redington Road. I emailed Matt about this a month or so ago since ADEQ wanted to know what is going on there since they were getting calls about it. The complainant (Mr. Nutter) called again and wants to know the status of things. Do you have any information I can pass on to him? I imagine our RCRA tips and complaints person, John Schofield, knows something about this but he's out until Thursday and I need to get back to the guy today. Thanks in advance.

Jennifer Downey
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Cc: Steve Armann/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Max Weintraub/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/24/2012 09:04 AM
Subject: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

Jennifer: Can you check in with ADEQ on their investigation. Mr Nutter (original complainant has called). Please give him a call-back today and tell him that you are checking on the status

Mr. Nutters number (810) 964-3248

*Below is the last email chain I have on the topic. I know that John had referred it to ADEQ and had sent you some emails on it in December

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To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/21/2011 10:19 AM
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

FYI

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To: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/21/2011 10:18 AM
Subject: Re: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

This tip/complaint was referred to Max Wientraub.

Gene Sylls
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From: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US
To: Gene Sylls/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/21/2011 09:50 AM
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

Gene,

I had received this tip/complaint directly from the complainant. I did not receive the referenced tip/complaint report issued through the tip/complaint hotline/web-report system (see below). Did you receive the tip/complaint and referred it to another person within Region 9? Just want to make sure that we have the right story before talking with the press.

Thanks,

John

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From: Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US
To: "John Schofield" <Schofield.John@epamail.epa.gov>, "Rich Vaille" <vaille.rich@epa.gov>
Date: 11/18/2011 04:08 PM
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

Could you look into this asap
Amy C. Miller
Manager
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US Environmental Protection Agency Region IX
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----- Original Message -----

From: Rich Vaille
Sent: 11/18/2011 03:42 PM PST
To: Amy Miller
Cc: Rusty Harris-Bishop; Eric Magnan
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

Amy could you have the compliant person (Clint?) see if we have any record of the compliant noted below. thanks Rich

----- Forwarded by Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US on 11/18/2011 03:40 PM -----

From: Rusty Harris-Bishop/R9/USEPA/US
To: Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: perezsullivan.margot@epa.gov

Date: 11/18/2011 01:35 PM
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

Here is the reporter's inquiry, with the submitted report at the bottom.

Rusty

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Rusty Harris-Bishop  
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Project Manager/Communications Coordinator  
415.972.3140  
415.694.8840 (cell)

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From: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US  
To: Rusty Harris-Bishop/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 11/17/2011 02:34 PM  
Subject: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

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Hi Rusty

I got this really strange query from a TV reporter in Tucson. This is a tips and complaints form that was submitted to us in March regarding a lead soil clean up in Coronado National Forest. They would like some sort of statement on this...I'm not even sure superfund is the appropriate place, but I thought maybe we could send something like, EPA investigates all tips and complaints received and has a longstanding policy of not commenting on enforcement investigations. Elevated lead in soil can pose a danger to the public..

let me know your thoughts. they're on deadline for today.

Margot Perez-Sullivan  
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To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 11/17/2011 01:45 PM  
Subject: Redington Pass lead

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Would be great to get a short statement .. if nothing else... thanks for your help on such short notice!!

Here is the copy of the complaint submitted to EPA.

Sonu Wasu  
Reporter, KOLD-TV (520)349-6843

3/10/2011 2:10 PM  
HQ LEAD NUMBER: FY11-82406-

3708-CV

SUBJECT: Referred to Region -  
Arizona

FROM: xxxxxxxx

TO:

Name: xxxx

Address: xxxx

City: Tucson

State: Arizona

Zip: xxxx

Phone: xxxx

Alleged Violator's Name: United States

Coronado National Forest

Alleged Violator's Address: 300 W

Congress St

Alleged Violator's City: Tucson

Alleged Violator's State: Arizona

Alleged Violator's Zip: 85749

Tip or Complaint: Samples collected  
March 3, 2011 near Mile Marker 6,  
Redington Road, in the Coronado  
National Forest show extreme soil lead  
levels of 22,000 mg/kg 7,400 mg/kg and.  
A CLEANUP, likely involving children and  
improper waste disposal may occur this  
Saturday March 12, 2011 at 3 shooting  
sites, from 10 feet to 100 feet north of  
Redington Road, near Mile Marker 6 of  
the US Coronado National Forest. Here  
is the lead soil sample data. The data  
was analyzed by Turner Labs of Tucson,  
AZ an accredited lab: Baseline sample  
taken South of Redington Road up near  
the fenced pasture 1a. 4.3 mg/kg Sample  
from East of the corral, upstream in a  
little wash, off an OHV trail 1b.80 mg/kg  
Shooting Area ♦ 3 ♦ the most eastern  
of the 3 North of Redington Rd. 2a:  
22,000 mg/kg wash basin low spot 2b:  
1,200 mg/kg downstream 125 +feet 2c:  
890 mg/kg bank up about 20 feet from  
low wash spot 2d: 7,400 mg/kg  
downstream ~ 25-30 feet 2e: 1,700  
mg/kg bank up about 40 feet, left of main  
shooting area PS: i live next to the  
boundary of Coronado National Forest. My  
primary concern is the IMMINENT  
exposure of 22,000 and 7,400 mg/kg to  
CHILDREN THIS SATURDAY. Additional  
concerns are tracking lead soil back to  
homes, and concerns about the roll-off  
dumpster picking up the trash, and where  
it will be landfilled, without proper  
hazardous waste testing or  
documentation. While more data  
collection is certainly warranted, this  
EXTREME level raises an immediate  
concern to children and disposal. You  
may call Mr. Stan Helen and Mr. Jim

Upchurch.

Specific Directions: Very easy to find.

Enter the Coronado National Forest, "Redington Pass" area, by traveling east on Redington Road to Mile Marker 6, apx. 3 long term shooting sites have accumulated much soil embedded, eroded lead, up to 22,000 mg/kg in low water-wash area of the shooting embankment. Children will be cleaning up this lead-soil, and adults tracking it, and then non-hazardous disposal (this is a likely guess, but probable) will occur at some landfill without providing Lead soil data, including leaching etc.

Violation Still Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? No



Schofield, John

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From: Magnan, Eric  
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:56 AM  
To: Schofield, John  
Subject: FW: Redington Pass

Eric Magnan, P.E.  
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**From:** Eric Magnan [mailto:Magnan.Eric@epamail.epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:41 AM  
**To:** Magnan, Eric  
**Subject:** Fw: Redington Pass

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Phone: 415.947.4179  
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To: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,  
Cc: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 01/06/2012 03:27 PM  
Subject: Re: Redington Pass

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Eric,

It would be good to get one of our risk assessors or certified industrial hygienist (Corrective Action or Permitting) to help prepare a response to a future inquiry. It would be good in my mind to also work with ADEQ to develop the response. Once we have internal consensus on an approach, I will contact ADEQ at my level to start the root cause analysis.

John

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Eric Magnan---01/06/2012 03:11:40 PM---Thanks for correcting my misunderstanding. Will you be the one working to determine why the state d

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Date: 01/06/2012 03:11 PM  
Subject: Re: Redington Pass

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Thanks for correcting my misunderstanding. Will you be the one working to determine why the state did not adequately respond to the tip? In the meantime, what do you suggest is the best message for any press follow up?

Something like this may work:

EPA is concerned about the oral exposure potential for children eating dirt that contains bullet fragments. EPA is working with ADEQ to determine an adequate response to this complaint and to ensure the process for responding to tips on federal land is protective of human health and the environment.

Eric Magnan, P.E.  
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John Schofield---01/06/2012 02:36:33 PM---Eric, I would not say this was a fair recall of our conversation. I do not know why ADEQ did not

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Subject: Re: Redington Pass

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Eric,

I would not say this was a fair recall of our conversation. I do not know why ADEQ did not act on the referral. Maybe because the area is located within U. S. Forest Service land. I stated that the lead probably is in the form of lead shot or bullets. It is not going to be mobile (e.g., dust, limited rainfall). The major exposure route is going be oral (children eating dirt which contains bullet fragments).

I did refer the tip/complaint to ADEQ. I think I provided this information to Margot a while back.

I stated the complainant's legitimate concern is potential exposure to children. I think the risk is low due to mobility issues. However, I am not an Certified Industrial Hygienist.

I think the best course of action is to perform a root cause analysis on why the tip/complaint was not adequately responded to by the state and/or EPA. With this information develop a process for responding to tips/complaints located on federal land. This would include discussions with each of the Region 9 states. My understanding is that states have the authority to impose State environmental laws/regulations on federal lands.

regards,

John

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Eric Magnan---01/06/2012 02:13:15 PM---Margot, John followed up with ADEQ on the Redington Pass tip and complaint a few weeks ago. ADEQ d

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To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA

Cc: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 01/06/2012 02:13 PM

Subject: Redington Pass

Margot,

John followed up with ADEQ on the Redington Pass tip and complaint a few weeks ago. ADEQ decided not to take any action because the lead is immobile and contained within individual spent cartridges and shot as opposed to being a dust, which is more mobile. This makes the exposure risk very low. Since, this is ADEQ's call to not take action, it will be better to have them directly comment on the decision if it comes up again. John, can you send the contact info for the person who handled this? We may issue a statement to any future questions saying that the state has an approved RCRA C program and we defer to their discretion/judgement on these decisions. How does that sound?

Eric

Eric Magnan, P.E.

UST Program Office | Waste Division Press Liaison

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## Schofield, John

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**From:** Magnan, Eric  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:57 AM  
**To:** Schofield, John  
**Subject:** FW: EPA enforcement/cleanup activity at Redington Pass, AZ

Eric Magnan, P.E.  
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**From:** Eric Magnan [mailto:Magnan.Eric@epamail.epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:42 AM  
**To:** Magnan, Eric  
**Subject:** Fw: EPA enforcement/cleanup activity at Redington Pass, AZ

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**From:** Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US  
**To:** Leslie Ramirez/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,  
**Date:** 12/06/2011 09:30 AM  
**Subject:** Fw: EPA enforcement/cleanup activity at Redington Pass, AZ

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Here's the initial story. Thanks,

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**To:** Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
**Date:** 11/30/2011 11:41 AM  
**Subject:** Fw: EPA enforcement/cleanup activity at Redington Pass, AZ

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**From:** Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US  
**To:** Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
**Date:** 11/21/2011 01:22 PM  
**Subject:** EPA enforcement/cleanup activity at Redington Pass, AZ

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Margot,

Estrella Armijo suggested I contact you about ADEQ's inquiry regarding EPA enforcement activity at Redington Pass in Arizona. I'm the new RCRA enforcement liaison but don't know a think about this. Do you know who the appropriate contact person is? Thanks in advance.

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From: "Mel P. Bunkers" <[Bunkers.Mel@azdeq.gov](mailto:Bunkers.Mel@azdeq.gov)>  
To: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 11/21/2011 08:07 AM  
Subject: Information

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Jennifer,

Can you please check into this investigation and provide me with some additional information such as who is working on this clean-up. ADEQ has no knowledge of this investigation and I need to provide some additional information to upper management.

Thank you  
Mel

### **EPA looking into lead contamination at Redington Pass**

Sonu Wasu, KOLD News 13  
November 18, 2011

Conservationists were sounding the alarm about lead contamination at a popular recreation area in the Coronado National Forest.

KOLD News 13 has obtained a copy of a complaint filed with the EPA, citing concerns of extremely high levels of toxins found in soils at Redington Pass.

Redington Pass is a high mountain pass located between the Santa Catalina Mountains and the Rincons, just east of Tucson.

Cindy Tuell, a Southwest Conservation Advocate with the Center for Biological Diversity said the lead contamination was likely caused by the recreational shooting that was taking place at Redington Pass.

There were three unofficial shooting ranges in the area.

The area is littered with lead shells and bullet ridden trash that people have used for target practice.

Tuell said she was worried about the toxins in the soil, as well as the toxins leaching out of the hazardous waste that was piling up at Redington Pass.

A local youth group had to cancel their clean-up of the forest land after learning of the high levels of lead in the soil.

According to the complaint filed with the EPA, soil samples collected from various sites at Redington pass show extreme soil lead levels of 22,000mg/kg 7,400 mg/kg.

EPA officials released a statement saying: "Because of the pending enforcement actions the EPA cannot disclose information that may interfere with investigations."

A spokeswoman for the Coronado National Forest said they scheduled regular clean-ups in the area and were grateful to all the private groups that helped clean the forest. Heidi Schewel said she was not familiar with the lead contamination reports, and said she would look into it. Tuell felt simply cleaning up was not good enough.

"You can't just keep picking up trash, you've got to stop the flow of it," said Tuell.

Tuell added that she wanted the forest service to step up patrols and enforcement.

There were several signs warning people not to dump waste and to pick up their shell casings in the Redington Pass area.

Almost all of the signs we drove past were riddled with bullet holes.

Tuell said she did not feel safe bringing her children to Redington pass, as it did not seem like a family friendly area.

"You've got to let people know the soil is contaminated, you've got to stop people from abusing this land," said Tuell.

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**To:** Schofield, John  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:42 AM  
**To:** Magnan, Eric  
**Subject:** Fw: Redington Pass lead

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Hi Leslie,

Following up my voicemail, here are the reporter's questions for the tip about Redington Pass. The full tip is available at the bottom of the email chain. Let me know if you are the best person for this to develop answers to the reporter's questions. Thanks!

Eric

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To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 11/21/2011 01:49 PM  
Subject: Re: Redington Pass lead

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Hi Margot. I am actually off today.

I can give you a call tomorrow if that works for you. We really would like to stay in top of this story. It is of huge concern in this community. Where exactly does this complaint stand? Who is investigating it?

It has been filed for a while now  
What does the epa plan to do with this next?

I am also trying to get some answers with the us forest service and ADEQ.  
But they referred me to you. Seems like a lot if people are hesitant to talk about this. I am just wondering why it has been so long and nothing has been done.

Resident in the area and several local environmental groups are very concerned.

Thanks for all your help!  
*Connected by DROID on Verizon Wireless*

-----Original message-----

From: "PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov" <[PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov)>  
To: "Wasu, Sonu" <[swasu@kold.com](mailto:swasu@kold.com)>  
Sent: Mon, Nov 21, 2011 21:36:12 GMT+00:00  
Subject: Re: Redington Pass lead

Sonu, Thanks so much for passing your story along, I really appreciate your follow up.

I just got a chance to look at the portion of the statement you used. Because I was unable to track down any information on this query under your tight deadline, I sent you a desk statement that neither confirms nor denies an investigation per the agency's long standing policy.

Perhaps we can chat at some point today?

Thanks!

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From: Margot PerezSullivan  
Sent: 11/18/2011 09:53 AM EST  
To: "Wasu, Sonu" <[swasu@kold.com](mailto:swasu@kold.com)>  
Subject: Re: Redington Pass lead



Yes, hopefully! Thanks Sonu!

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**From:** "Wasu, Sonu" [swasu@kold.com]  
**Sent:** 11/18/2011 01:27 AM CST  
**To:** Margot PerezSullivan  
**Subject:** RE: Redington Pass lead

Hi! Thanks so much. I used a portion of your statement tonight. I will send you a link to my story.. hopefully can get some more information tomorrow or next week?

Sonu

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**From:** PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov [PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2011 5:38 PM  
**To:** Wasu, Sonu  
**Subject:** Re: Redington Pass lead

I'm still trying to track this down. Is the story airing tonight? If so, you can use this:  
EPA routinely investigates, issues notices of violations to, and enforces environmental violations against people or entities engaged in regulated activities. Because of the sensitivity of pending enforcement actions and pursuant to long-standing Agency policy, EPA does not disclose information that may interfere with active investigations, settlement negotiations or litigation.

Let me know and if I can find anything else out I will.  
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**Date:** 11/17/2011 01:45 PM  
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Would be great to get a short statement .. if nothing else... thanks for your help on such short notice!!

Here is the copy of the complaint submitted to EPA.

Sonu Wasu  
Reporter, KOLD-TV (520)349-6843

3/10/2011  
2:10 PM  
HQ LEAD  
NUMBER:

FY11-  
82406-  
3708-CV  
SUBJECT:

Referred  
to Region -  
Arizona  
FROM:

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TO:

Name:

xxxx

Address:

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City:

Tucson

State:

Arizona

Zip: xxxx

Phone:

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Name:

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Address:

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City:

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Arizona

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Zip:

85749

Tip or

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March 3,  
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Redington  
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Coronado  
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## Schofield, John

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**From:** Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US  
**To:** Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,  
**Date:** 04/10/2012 05:34 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Re: Redington Pass

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Let's try to talk tomorrow. I'm at a public meeting tonight..

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----- Original Message -----

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**Sent:** 04/10/2012 06:26 PM MDT  
**To:** Margot PerezSullivan  
**Subject:** Re: Re: Redington Pass

I can talk later tonight around 630 on my cell.

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Phone: 415.947.4179

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To: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
From: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 04/10/2012 05:21PM  
Subject: Re: Redington Pass  
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Can you chat a second?

Margot Perez-Sullivan  
U.S. EPA, Region 9  
Office of Public Affairs  
Desk: 415.947.4149  
Mobile: 415.328.1676

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From: Eric Magnan  
Sent: 04/10/2012 05:18 PM PDT  
To: Margot PerezSullivan  
Subject: Fw: Redington Pass

More info FYI

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To: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 01/06/2012 03:27 PM  
Subject: Re: Redington Pass

Eric,

It would be good to get one of our risk assessors or certified industrial hygienist (Corrective Action or Permitting) to help prepare a response to a future inquiry. It would be good in my mind to also work with ADEQ to develop the response. Once we have internal consensus on an approach, I will contact ADEQ at my level to start the root cause analysis.

John

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:57 AM  
**To:** Schofield, John  
**Subject:** FW: Redington Pass lead

Eric Magnan, P.E.  
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**From:** Eric Magnan [<mailto:Magnan.Eric@epamail.epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:44 AM  
**To:** Magnan, Eric  
**Subject:** Fw: Redington Pass lead

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**To:** Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,  
**Cc:** John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
**Date:** 04/10/2012 04:56 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: Redington Pass lead

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Thanks Eric. I'm in Nevada today and won't have access to my email until late tonight..any chance you'll have access to your email by about 8? Her deadline is 9.

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**From:** Eric Magnan  
**Sent:** 04/10/2012 05:54 PM MDT  
**To:** Margot PerezSullivan  
**Cc:** John Schofield; Rich Vaille  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: Redington Pass lead

I believe we did, but I don't have access to all my email at the moment. John Schofield may have something or you may find it in a past email from me.

Eric Magnan, P.E.

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To: "Eric Magnan" <Magnan.Eric@epamail.epa.gov>  
From: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 04/10/2012 02:59PM  
Subject: Fw: Redington Pass lead  
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Hey Eric, here's our old friend re: Redington pass ... I already told her we don't comment on pending litigation, but did we put something together on this a while back?

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From: "Wasu, Sonu" [swasu@tucsonnewsnow.com]  
Sent: 04/10/2012 04:49 PM EST  
To: Margot PerezSullivan  
Subject: Redington Pass lead

Hi!! Here is a copy of the press release. .

[http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press\\_releases/2012/lead-04-09-2012.html](http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2012/lead-04-09-2012.html)

Thanks =)

Sonu Wasu  
Reporter, KOLD News 13  
Cell 529-349-6843

regards,

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:45 AM  
**To:** Magnan, Eric  
**Subject:** Fw: Redington Pass

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To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,  
Cc: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 01/09/2012 10:12 AM  
Subject: Re: Redington Pass

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I think John wanted to work a little bit with my statement below. I'll want to pass it by Rich when he's got something good.  
Thanks,

Eric

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**To:** Schofield, John  
**Subject:** FW: AUTO: Margot Perez-Sullivan is out of the office (returning 01/09/2012 08:00 AM)

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I am out of the office from 12/20/2011 04:30 PM until 01/09/2012 08:00 AM.

If your matter is urgent, please contact Bill Keener at [keener.bill@epa.gov](mailto:keener.bill@epa.gov) or 415.973.3940. Thank you and Happy Holidays!

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**To:** Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
**Date:** 11/21/2011 01:22 PM  
**Subject:** EPA enforcement/cleanup activity at Redington Pass, AZ

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Margot,

Estrella Armijo suggested I contact you about ADEQ's inquiry regarding EPA enforcement activity at Redington Pass in Arizona. I'm the new RCRA enforcement liaison but don't know a think about this. Do you know who the appropriate contact person is? Thanks in advance.

Jennifer Downey  
RCRA Enforcement Office  
Waste Management Division  
US EPA, Region IX

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To: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 11/21/2011 08:07 AM  
Subject: Information

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Jennifer,

Can you please check into this investigation and provide me with some additional information such as who is working on this clean-up. ADEQ has no knowledge of this investigation and I need to provide some additional information to upper management.

Thank you  
Mel

### **EPA looking into lead contamination at Redington Pass**

Sonu Wasu, KOLD News 13

November 18, 2011

Conservationists were sounding the alarm about lead contamination at a popular recreation area in the Coronado National Forest.

KOLD News 13 has obtained a copy of a complaint filed with the EPA, citing concerns of extremely high levels of toxins found in soils at Redington Pass.

Redington Pass is a high mountain pass located between the Santa Catalina Mountains and the Rincons, just east of Tucson.

Cindy Tuell, a Southwest Conservation Advocate with the Center for Biological Diversity said the lead contamination was likely caused by the recreational shooting that was taking place at Redington Pass.

There were three unofficial shooting ranges in the area.

The area is littered with lead shells and bullet ridden trash that people have used for target practice.

Tuell said she was worried about the toxins in the soil, as well as the toxins leaching out of the hazardous waste that was piling up at Redington Pass.

A local youth group had to cancel their clean-up of the forest land after learning of the high levels of lead in the soil.

According to the complaint filed with the EPA, soil samples collected from various sites at Redington pass show extreme soil lead levels of 22,000mg/kg 7,400 mg/kg.

EPA officials released a statement saying: "Because of the pending enforcement actions the EPA cannot disclose information that may interfere with investigations."

A spokeswoman for the Coronado National Forest said they scheduled regular clean-ups in the area and were grateful to all the private groups that helped clean the forest. Heidi Schewel said she was not familiar with the lead contamination reports, and said she would look into it.

Tuell felt simply cleaning up was not good enough.

"You can't just keep picking up trash, you've got to stop the flow of it," said Tuell.

Tuell added that she wanted the forest service to step up patrols and enforcement.

There were several signs warning people not to dump waste and to pick up their shell casings

in the Redington Pass area.

Almost all of the signs we drove past were riddled with bullet holes.

Tuell said she did not feel safe bringing her children to Redington pass, as it did not seem like a family friendly area.

"You've got to let people know the soil is contaminated, you've got to stop people from abusing this land," said Tuell.

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**Date:** 11/21/2011 10:45 AM  
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Margot,

The attached email chain was all I could find quickly. I believe Matt should be the primary contact for this site.

Max

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Date: 03/15/2011 04:51 PM  
Subject: Re: Fw: Referred to Region - Arizona (82406)

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I see. Well we sort of do, but it has not been a priority. We are down an AZ project officer at the moment but will see what my section chief wants to do thanks,

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Matt Mitguard  
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From: Max Weintraub/R9/USEPA/US  
Date: 03/15/2011 04:40PM  
Subject: Re: Fw: Referred to Region - Arizona (82406)

Matt,

I thought you handled contamination of shooting ranges but c.c.ed Steve since his group dealt more generally with cleanup of hazardous waste.

Max Weintraub - Lead-Based Paint Enforcement Coordinator  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
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Tips and Complaints - <http://www.epa.gov/region9/toxic/lead/tips-complaints.html>  
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Matt Mitguard---03/15/2011 04:33:35 PM---Max was I supposed to get this? -----

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CC: [weintraub.max@epa.gov](mailto:weintraub.max@epa.gov)

"Your tip/complaint has been referred to the EPA Region 9 Toxics Program. The program contact is Max Weintraub at [Weintraub.Max@epa.gov](mailto:Weintraub.Max@epa.gov) or 415-947-4163. He asks that you use the Tips and Complaints link below. The information you provide will be used to issue a warning letter and add the contractor to our list of potential inspection targets. Tips and Complaints -

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/toxic/lead/tips-complaints.html> Zipcode search for local contacts -  
<http://www.leadfreekids.org/>"

-----Original Message-----

3/10/2011 2:10 PM

HQ LEAD NUMBER: FY11-82406-  
3708-CV

SUBJECT: Referred to Region -  
Arizona

FROM: [doug.nutter@q.com](mailto:doug.nutter@q.com)

TO:

Name: Doug Nutter

Address: 14939 E. Redington Road

City: Tucson

State: Arizona

Zip: 85749

Phone: 810-964-3248

Alleged Violator's Name: United States

Coronado National Forest

Alleged Violator's Address: 300 W

Congress St

Alleged Violator's City: Tucson

Alleged Violator's State: Arizona

Alleged Violator's Zip: 85749

Tip or Complaint: Samples collected

March 3, 2011 near Mile Marker 6,

Redington Road, in the Coronado

National Forest show extreme soil lead

levels of 22,000 mg/kg 7,400 mg/kg

and. A CLEANUP, likely involving

children and improper waste disposal

may occur this Saturday March 12,

2011 at 3 shooting sites, from 10 feet to

100 feet north of Redington Road, near

Mile Marker 6 of the US Coronado

National Forest. Here is the lead soil

sample data. The data was analyzed by

Turner Labs of Tucson, AZ an

accredited lab: Baseline sample taken

South of Redington Road up near the

fenced pasture 1a. 4.3 mg/kg Sample

from East of the corral, upstream in a

little wash, off an OHV trail 1b.80 mg/kg

Shooting Area ♦ 3 ♦ the most eastern

of the 3 North of Redington Rd. 2a:

22,000 mg/kg wash basin low spot 2b:

1,200 mg/kg downstream 125 +feet 2c:

890 mg/kg bank up about 20 feet from

low wash spot 2d: 7,400 mg/kg

downstream ~ 25-30 feet 2e: 1,700

mg/kg bank up about 40 feet, left of

main shooting area PS: i live next to the

boundary of Corondo National Forest.

My primary concern is the IMMINENT

exposure of 22,000 and 7,400 mg/kg to

CHILDREN THIS SATURDAY.

Additional concerns are tracking lead

soil back to homes, and concerns about



the roll-off dumpster picking up the trash, and where it will be landfilled, without proper hazardous waste testing or documentation. While more data collection is certainly warranted, this EXTREME level raises an immediate concern to children and disposal. You may call Mr. Stan Helen and Mr. Jim Upchurch.

Specific Directions: Very easy to find.. Enter the Coronado National Forest, "Redington Pass" area, by traveling east on Redington Road to Mile Marker 6, apx. 3 long term shooting sites have accumulated much soil embedded, eroded lead, up to 22,000 mg/kg in low water-wash area of the shooting embankment. Children will be cleaning up this lead-soil, and adults tracking it, and then non-hazardous disposal (this is a likely guess, but probable) will occur at some landfill without providing Lead soil data, including leaching etc. Violation Still Occurring? Yes  
State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? No



## Schofield, John

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**From:** Magnan, Eric  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:58 AM  
**To:** Schofield, John  
**Subject:** FW: Redington Pass lead

Eric Magnan, P.E.  
U.S. EPA | Enforcement Division  
415.947.4179

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**From:** Eric Magnan [mailto:Magnan.Eric@epamail.epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:48 AM  
**To:** Magnan, Eric  
**Subject:** Fw: Redington Pass lead

Eric Magnan, P.E.  
California Hazardous Waste Project Officer  
U.S. EPA Region 9  
Phone: 415.947.4179  
-----Forwarded by Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US on 11/20/2013 11:48 AM.-----

From: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US  
To: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA,  
Date: 11/30/2011 11:37 AM  
Subject: Fw: Redington Pass lead

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Margot Perez-Sullivan  
U.S. EPA, Region 9  
Office of Public Affairs  
Desk: 415.947.4149  
Mobile: 415.328.1676  
----- Forwarded by Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US on 11/30/2011 11:37 AM -----

From: "Wasu, Sonu" <swasu@kold.com>  
To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 11/21/2011 01:49 PM  
Subject: Re: Redington Pass lead

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Hi Margot. I am actually off today.

I can give you a call tomorrow if that works for you. We really would like to stay in top of this story. It is of huge concern in this community. Where exactly does this complaint stand? Who is investigating it?

It has been filed for a while now  
What does the epa plan to do with this next?

I am also trying to get some answers with the us forest service and ADEQ.

But they referred me to you. Seems like a lot if people are hesitant to talk about this. I am just wondering why it has been so long and nothing has been done.

Resident in the area and several local environmental groups are very concerned.

Thanks for all your help!

*Connected by DROID on Verizon Wireless*

-----Original message-----

**From:** "PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov" <PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov>

**To:** "Wasu, Sonu" <swasu@kold.com>

**Sent:** Mon, Nov 21, 2011 21:36:12 GMT+00:00

**Subject:** Re: Redington Pass lead

Sonu, Thanks so much for passing your story along, I really appreciate your follow up.

I just got a chance to look at the portion of the statement you used. Because I was unable to track down any information on this query under your tight deadline, I sent you a desk statement that neither confirms nor denies an investigation per the agency's long standing policy.

Perhaps we can chat at some point today?

Thanks!

Margot Perez-Sullivan  
U.S. EPA, Region 9  
Office of Public Affairs  
Desk: 415.947.4149  
Mobile: 415.328.1676

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**From:** Margot PerezSullivan  
**Sent:** 11/18/2011 09:53 AM EST  
**To:** "Wasu, Sonu" <swasu@kold.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Redington Pass lead

Yes, hopefully! Thanks Sonu!

Margot Perez-Sullivan  
U.S. EPA, Region 9  
Office of Public Affairs  
Desk: 415.947.4149  
Mobile: 415.328.1676

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**From:** "Wasu, Sonu" [swasu@kold.com]  
**Sent:** 11/18/2011 01:27 AM CST  
**To:** Margot PerezSullivan  
**Subject:** RE: Redington Pass lead

Hi! Thanks so much. I used a portion of your statement tonight. I will send you a link to my story.. hopefully can get some more information tomorrow or next week?

Sonu

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**From:** PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov [PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2011 5:38 PM  
**To:** Wasu, Sonu  
**Subject:** Re: Redington Pass lead

I'm still trying to track this down. Is the story airing tonight? If so, you can use this:  
EPA routinely investigates, issues notices of violations to, and enforces environmental violations against people or entities engaged in regulated activities. Because of the sensitivity of pending enforcement actions and pursuant to long-standing Agency policy, EPA does not disclose information that may interfere with active investigations, settlement negotiations or litigation.

Let me know and if I can find anything else out I will.

Margot Perez-Sullivan  
U.S. EPA, Region 9  
Office of Public Affairs  
Desk: 415.947.4149  
Mobile: 415.328.1676

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From: "Wasu, Sonu" <[swasu@kold.com](mailto:swasu@kold.com)>  
To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 11/17/2011 01:45 PM  
Subject: Redington Pass lead

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Would be great to get a short statement .. if nothing else... thanks for your help on such short notice!!

Here is the copy of the complaint submitted to EPA.

Sonu Wasu  
Reporter, KOLD-TV (520)349-6843

3/10/2011  
2:10 PM  
HQ LEAD  
NUMBER:  
FY11-  
82406-  
3708-CV  
SUBJECT:  
Referred  
to Region -  
Arizona  
FROM:  
xxxxxxx  
TO:  
Name:

xxxx  
Address:

xxxx  
City:  
Tucson  
State:  
Arizona  
Zip: xxxx  
Phone:

xxxx  
Alleged  
Violator's  
Name:  
United  
States  
Coronado  
National  
Forest

Alleged  
Violator's  
Address:

300 W  
Congress  
St

Alleged  
Violator's  
City:

Tucson  
Alleged  
Violator's  
State:

Arizona  
Alleged  
Violator's  
Zip:

85749  
Tip or  
Complaint:  
Samples  
collected  
March 3,  
2011 near  
Mile  
Marker 6,  
Redington  
Road, in  
the  
Coronado  
National  
Forest  
show  
extreme  
soil lead  
levels of  
22,000  
mg/kg  
7,400  
mg/kg and.  
A  
CLEANUP,

likely  
involving  
children  
and  
improper  
waste  
disposal  
may occur  
this  
Saturday  
March 12,  
2011 at 3  
shooting  
sites, from  
10 feet to  
100 feet  
north of  
Redington  
Road, near  
Mile  
Marker 6  
of the US  
Coronado  
National  
Forest.  
Here is the  
lead soil  
sample  
data. The  
data was  
analyzed  
by Turner  
Labs of  
Tucson,  
AZ an  
accredited  
lab:  
Baseline  
sample  
taken  
South of  
Redington  
Road up  
near the  
fenced  
pasture 1a.  
4.3 mg/kg  
Sample  
from East  
of the  
corral,  
upstream  
in a little  
wash, off  
an OHV  
trail 1b.80  
mg/kg  
Shooting  
Area ♦ 3  
♦ the

most  
eastern of  
the 3 North  
of  
Redington  
Rd. 2a





Re: Action;Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

John Schofield to: Rich Vaille

04/11/2012 04:58 PM

Cc: Jennifer Downey, Jim Polek

Agree. I will find out.

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John Schofield  
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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San Francisco, CA 94105  
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schofield.john@epa.gov  
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-----Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US wrote: -----

To: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA

From: Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US

Date: 04/11/2012 04:10PM

Cc: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Jim

Polek/R9/USEPA/US@EPA

Subject: Re: Action;Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead:  
FY11-82406-3708-CV

Okay but somebody -ADEQ still needs to follow up --Is that happening?

John Schofield---04/11/2012 04:01:07 PM---Rich, We had referred this  
tip/complaint to ADEQ last April I believe. I have to go back through e-

From: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US

To: Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US@EPA

Cc: Jim Polek/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Jennifer

Downey/R9/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 04/11/2012 04:01 PM

Subject: Re: Action;Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead:  
FY11-82406-3708-CV

Rich,

We had referred this tip/complaint to ADEQ last April I believe. I have to  
go back through e-mails. I followed up with ADEQ. ADEQ did not  
investigate. It fell through the cracks due to resource issues. Jennifer  
and I followed up with ADEQ about how to ensure that a referred  
tips/complaints are managed in accordance with ADEQ policies and  
procedures. Typically ADEQ responds promptly and adequately to  
tips/complaints. Basically the agreement is that Randy Matas will be

copied on all tips/complaints. Additionally, if it involves BLM or NPS land, EPA will copy the appropriate agency on the referral.

John

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-----Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US wrote: -----

To: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
From: Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US  
Date: 04/11/2012 03:25PM  
Cc: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Jim Polek/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Subject: Action;Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead:  
FY11-82406-3708-CV

Hi John

I remember talking about this with you and as I remember we really didn't have any authority. But since there is still media interest please send an email with the status of the issue and answers for the two questions that might get asked:

What are you doing about the site?

Why haven't you done anything about this site

thanks Rich

----- Forwarded by Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US on 04/11/2012 03:22 PM

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From: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US  
To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 04/10/2012 05:18 PM  
Subject: Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead:  
FY11-82406-3708-CV

Here's the latest status update I have. It's from Feb. 1.

Draft response language:

EPA is concerned about the oral exposure potential for children eating dirt that contains bullet fragments. EPA is working with ADEQ to determine an adequate response to this complaint and to ensure the process for responding to tips on federal land is protective of human health and the environment.

Eric Magnan, P.E.  
UST Program Office | Waste Division Press Liaison  
U.S. EPA Region 9  
Phone: 415.947.4179  
----- Forwarded by Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US on 04/10/2012 05:16 PM  
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From: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US  
To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 02/01/2012 04:48 PM  
Subject: Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead:  
FY11-82406-3708-CV

Here's the latest I've heard on Redington Pass.

Eric Magnan, P.E.  
UST Program Office | Waste Division Press Liaison  
U.S. EPA Region 9  
Phone: 415.947.4179  
----- Forwarded by Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US on 02/01/2012 04:47 PM  
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From: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US  
To: Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 02/01/2012 02:54 PM  
Subject: Fw: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead:  
FY11-82406-3708-CV

Eric,

Here's what I sent Amy and John regarding Redington Pass.

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US on 02/01/2012 02:52 PM -----

From: Jennifer Downey/R9/USEPA/US  
To: Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 01/30/2012 12:31 PM  
Subject: Re: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead:  
FY11-82406-3708-CV

Amy,

From: John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US  
To: Gene Sylls/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 11/21/2011 09:50 AM  
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV

Gene,

I had received this tip/complaint directly from the complainant. I did not receive the referenced tip/complaint report issued through the tip/complaint hotline/web-report system (see below). Did you receive the tip/complaint and referred it to another person within Region 9? Just want to make sure that we have the right story before talking with the press.

Thanks,

John

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----- Forwarded by John Schofield/R9/USEPA/US on 11/21/2011 09:47 AM -----

From: Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US  
To: "John Schofield" <Schofield.John@epamail.epa.gov>, "Rich Vaille" <vaille.rich@epa.gov>  
Date: 11/18/2011 04:08 PM  
Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

Could you look into this asap  
Amy C. Miller  
Manager  
RCRA Enforcement Office  
US Environmental Protection Agency Region IX  
Tel. (415) 947-4198  
miller.amy@epa.gov

----- Original Message -----

From: Rich Vaille

Sent: 11/18/2011 03:42 PM PST

To: Amy Miller

Cc: Rusty Harris-Bishop; Eric Magnan

Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw:

Redington Pass lead

Amy could you have the compliant person (Clint?) see if we have any record of the compliant noted below. thanks Rich

----- Forwarded by Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US on 11/18/2011 03:40 PM -----

From: Rusty Harris-Bishop/R9/USEPA/US

To: Rich Vaille/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Eric Magnan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA

Cc: perezsullivan.margot@epa.gov

Date: 11/18/2011 01:35 PM

Subject: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

Here is the reporter's inquiry, with the submitted report at the bottom.

Rusty

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Rusty Harris-Bishop  
EPA Region 9 Superfund  
Project Manager/Communications Coordinator  
415.972.3140  
415.694.8840 (cell)

----- Forwarded by Rusty Harris-Bishop/R9/USEPA/US on 11/18/2011 01:32 PM -----

From: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US

To: Rusty Harris-Bishop/R9/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 11/17/2011 02:34 PM

Subject: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead

Hi Rusty

I got this really strange query from a TV reporter in Tucson. This is a tips and complaints form that was submitted to us in March regarding a lead soil clean up in Coronado National Forest. They would like some sort of statement on this...I'm not even sure superfund is the appropriate place, but I thought maybe we could send something like, EPA investigates all tips and complaints received and has a longstanding policy of not commenting on enforcement investigations. Elevated lead in soil can pose a danger to the public..

let me know your thoughts. they're on deadline for today.

Margot Perez-Sullivan

U.S. EPA, Region 9

Office of Public Affairs

Desk: 415.947.4149

Mobile: 415.328.1676

----- Forwarded by Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US on 11/17/2011 02:23 PM -----

From: "Wasu, Sonu" <swasu@kold.com>  
To: Margot PerezSullivan/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 11/17/2011 01:45 PM  
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Reporter, KOLD-TV (520)349-6843

3/10/2011 2:10 PM  
HQ LEAD NUMBER:  
FY11-82406-3708-CV

SUBJECT: Referred  
to Region - Arizona  
FROM: xxxxxxx  
TO:  
Name: xxxx  
Address: xxxx  
City: Tucson  
State: Arizona  
Zip: xxxx  
Phone: xxxx

Alleged Violator's  
Name: United States  
Coronado National  
Forest  
Alleged Violator's  
Address: 300 W  
Congress St  
Alleged Violator's  
City: Tucson  
Alleged Violator's  
State: Arizona  
Alleged Violator's Zip:  
85749  
Tip or Complaint:  
Samples collected  
March 3, 2011 near  
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Redington Road, in  
the Coronado National  
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Redington Road up  
near the fenced  
pasture 1a. 4.3 mg/kg  
Sample from East of  
the corral, upstream in  
a little wash, off an  
OHV trail 1b. 80 mg/kg  
Shooting Area ♦ 3 ♦  
the most eastern of  
the 3 North of  
Redington Rd. 2a:  
22,000 mg/kg wash  
basin low spot 2b:  
1,200 mg/kg  
downstream 125 +feet  
2c: 890 mg/kg bank  
up about 20 feet from  
low wash spot 2d:  
7,400 mg/kg  
downstream ~ 25-30  
feet 2e: 1,700 mg/kg  
bank up about 40 feet,  
left of main shooting  
area PS: I live next to  
the boundary of  
Coronado National  
Forest. My primary  
concern is the  
IMMINENT exposure  
of 22,000 and 7,400  
mg/kg to CHILDREN  
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National Forest,

"Redington Pass"

area; by traveling east

on Redington Road to

Mile Marker 6, apx. 3

long term shooting

sites have

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disposal (this is a

likely guess, but

probable) will occur at

some landfill without

providing Lead soil

data, including

leaching etc.

Violation Still

Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM

Notified? No



Ax-13-001-1299

10/1/13 80052 mwb

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the  
District of Arizona

La Loma Grande, L.L.C.

Plaintiff

v.

United States of America

Defendant

Civil Action No. 4:11-cv-00476-RCC

(If the action is pending in another district, state where:

SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS, INFORMATION, OR OBJECTS  
OR TO PERMIT INSPECTION OF PREMISES IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: USEPA Ariel Rios Building (AR)  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington DC 20004

☒ **Production:** YOU ARE COMMANDED to produce at the time, date, and place set forth below the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects, and permit their inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of the material:

SEE ATTACHMENT A

Place: Stubbs & Schubart, P.C.  
340 N. Main Ave.  
Tucson, AZ 85701

Date and Time:

11/08/2013 5:00 pm

☐ **Inspection of Premises:** YOU ARE COMMANDED to permit entry onto the designated premises, land, or other property possessed or controlled by you at the time, date, and location set forth below, so that the requesting party may inspect, measure, survey, photograph, test, or sample the property or any designated object or operation on it.

Place:

Date and Time:

The provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c), relating to your protection as a person subject to a subpoena, and Rule 45 (d) and (e), relating to your duty to respond to this subpoena and the potential consequences of not doing so, are attached.

Date: 10/10/13

CLERK OF COURT

OR

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Attorney's signature

The name, address, e-mail, and telephone number of the attorney representing (name of party) Plaintiff, La Loma Grande, L.L.C., who issues or requests this subpoena, are:

Thomas M. Parsons, TParsons@StubbsSchubart.com, 520-623-5466, 340 N. Main Ave., Tucson, AZ 85701

2013 OCT 21 AM 7:57  
OFFICE OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

REC

Civil Action No. 4:11-cv-00476-RCC

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

*(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 45.)*

This subpoena for (name of individual and title, if any) USEPA  
was received by me on (date) 10/10/13

☒ I served the subpoena by delivering a copy to the named person as follows: certified mail, return receipt  
requested

on (date) 10/10/13 ; or

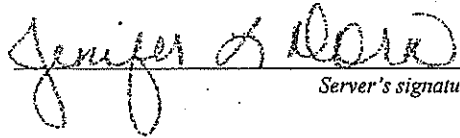
☐ I returned the subpoena unexecuted because: \_\_\_\_\_

Unless the subpoena was issued on behalf of the United States, or one of its officers or agents, I have also  
tendered to the witness fees for one day's attendance, and the mileage allowed by law, in the amount of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

My fees are \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for travel and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for services, for a total of \$ 0.00

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: 10/10/13



Server's signature

Jenifer L. Dorn, Secretary

Printed name and title

Stubbs & Schubart, P.C.  
340 N. Main Ave.  
Tucson, AZ 85701

Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

# Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45 (c), (d), and (e) (Effective 12/1/07)

## (c) Protecting a Person Subject to a Subpoena.

(1) *Avoiding Undue Burden or Expense; Sanctions.* A party or attorney responsible for issuing and serving a subpoena must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpoena. The issuing court must enforce this duty and impose an appropriate sanction, — which may include lost earnings and reasonable attorney's fees — on a party or attorney who fails to comply.

## (2) *Command to Produce Materials or Permit Inspection.*

(A) *Appearance Not Required.* A person commanded to produce documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things, or to permit the inspection of premises, need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless also commanded to appear for a deposition, hearing, or trial.

(B) *Objections.* A person commanded to produce documents or tangible things or to permit inspection may serve on the party or attorney designated in the subpoena a written objection to inspecting, copying, testing or sampling any or all of the materials or to inspecting the premises — or to producing electronically stored information in the form or forms requested. The objection must be served before the earlier of the time specified for compliance or 14 days after the subpoena is served. If an objection is made, the following rules apply:

(i) At any time, on notice to the commanded person, the serving party may move the issuing court for an order compelling production or inspection.

(ii) These acts may be required only as directed in the order, and the order must protect a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer from significant expense resulting from compliance.

## (3) *Quashing or Modifying a Subpoena.*

(A) *When Required.* On timely motion, the issuing court must quash or modify a subpoena that:

(i) fails to allow a reasonable time to comply;

(ii) requires a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer to travel more than 100 miles from where that person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person — except that, subject to Rule 45(c)(3)(B)(iii), the person may be commanded to attend a trial by traveling from any such place within the state where the trial is held;

(iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter, if no exception or waiver applies; or

(iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

(B) *When Permitted.* To protect a person subject to or affected by a subpoena, the issuing court may, on motion, quash or modify the subpoena if it requires:

(i) disclosing a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information;

(ii) disclosing an unretained expert's opinion or information that does not describe specific occurrences in dispute and results from the expert's study that was not requested by a party; or

(iii) a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer to incur substantial expense to travel more than 100 miles to attend trial.

(C) *Specifying Conditions as an Alternative.* In the circumstances described in Rule 45(c)(3)(B), the court may, instead of quashing or modifying a subpoena, order appearance or production under specified conditions if the serving party:

(i) shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship; and

(ii) ensures that the subpoenaed person will be reasonably compensated.

## (d) Duties in Responding to a Subpoena.

(1) *Producing Documents or Electronically Stored Information.* These procedures apply to producing documents or electronically stored information:

(A) *Documents.* A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents must produce them as they are kept in the ordinary course of business or must organize and label them to correspond to the categories in the demand.

(B) *Form for Producing Electronically Stored Information Not Specified.* If a subpoena does not specify a form for producing electronically stored information, the person responding must produce it in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms.

(C) *Electronically Stored Information Produced in Only One Form.* The person responding need not produce the same electronically stored information in more than one form.

(D) *Inaccessible Electronically Stored Information.* The person responding need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the person identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the person responding must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the court may nonetheless order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of Rule 26(b)(2)(C). The court may specify conditions for the discovery.

## (2) *Claiming Privilege or Protection.*

(A) *Information Withheld.* A person withholding subpoenaed information under a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial-preparation material must:

(i) expressly make the claim; and

(ii) describe the nature of the withheld documents, communications, or tangible things in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the parties to assess the claim.

(B) *Information Produced.* If information produced in response to a subpoena is subject to a claim of privilege or of protection as trial-preparation material, the person making the claim may notify any party that received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a party must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the specified information and any copies it has; must not use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved; must take reasonable steps to retrieve the information if the party disclosed it before being notified; and may promptly present the information to the court under seal for a determination of the claim. The person who produced the information must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

(e) *Contempt.* The issuing court may hold in contempt a person who, having been served, fails without adequate excuse to obey the subpoena. A nonparty's failure to obey must be excused if the subpoena purports to require the nonparty to attend or produce at a place outside the limits of Rule 45(c)(3)(A)(ii).

## ATTACHMENT A

For the purposes of this subpoena, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

1. **"Correspondence"** means any letter, memorandum, note, email, or similar form of written communication, whether on paper or in electronic format, including any copy thereof. The term "Correspondence" is limited to those items that are within your possession or control.
2. **"Document"** means anything written, printed, typed, recorded on a computer, photographed, taped, filmed, recorded, or any email, Correspondence (as defined above), electronic documents (including files in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, or Adobe Acrobat format), or graphic matter. It is equal in scope to the usage of the term "documents or electronically stored information" in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34(a). "Document" includes originals, reproductions, copies or drafts, and a draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of the term "Document."
3. **"Firing Ranges"** mean the three recreational shooting range sites located within Redington Pass in Pima County, Arizona.
4. **"Remediation"** means the restoration of polluted land, water, or air to its former state.

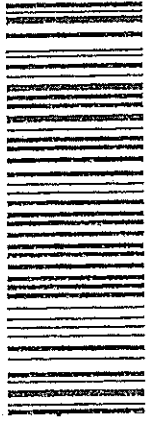
Pursuant to Rule 45 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, you are instructed to produce the following:

1. Any and all Documents, reports, or records relating to the Remediation of the lead-contaminated soil at the Firing Ranges.
2. Any and all Documents, reports, or records relating to the costs for Remediation the Firing Ranges including requests for proposals, cost estimates, budgets, billings, contracts, subcontracts, invoices, receipts, bids, ledgers, notices of liens and financing in any way related or associated with the cost of remediation.
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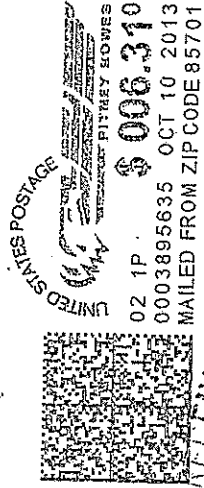
4. Any and all Documents, reports, or records produced as the result of any study, investigation, review, or testing of the Firing Ranges regarding hazardous substances, such as lead.
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6. Any and all Correspondence between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and any other governmental agency regarding the Firing Ranges.

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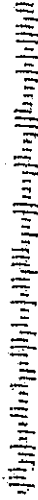


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Re: Follow-up Call: Redington Pass lead: FY11-82406-3708-CV 

Jennifer Downey to: Amy Miller

01/30/2012 12:31 PM

Cc: John Schofield

Amy,

Just wanted to let you know I followed up regarding the tip and complaint about Redington Pass. ADEQ is not involved in the investigation. The tip and complaint was sent to \$F/Site Assessment and they in turn have contacted the Forest Service. Mr. Nutter is not happy with the answers he's received so far so may continue to call just about anyone in hopes of coming up with an answer he likes better. Here's the information that Leslie sent me and that I communicated to Mr. Nutter, to the best of my ability:

*Carol Weinstein and I spoke to Eli Curiel at the Region 3 US Forest Service today to inquire about Redington Pass. He explained that the area is mainly used for non-sanctioned wildcat shooting as well as practice shooting (i.e., people use plastic bottles/cups and paper targets to practice shooting). The area is remote with no nearby residences and no perennial streams to support aquatic life. Eli recalls being contacted by a concerned citizen (he couldn't remember if it was Nutter) some months ago who raised the same issue - that children were going to "clean up" the lead-contaminated soil - which in this case is not true. The concerned citizen apparently collected the soil samples, and there is no way of knowing how or what was collected for the analysis. Eli said that USFS granted a request sometime last year from a local Boy Scout troop to clean up debris and trash left behind by shooters and that the Boy Scouts were informed to not remove any soil and take precautions such as wearing gloves and/or watering down the ground to reduce dust. The USFS do not plan on conducting any soil testing or sampling and they do not have any plans for soil clean up or removal activity. Eli also mentioned that they will be responding to a letter from an environmental organization (the Center for Biological Diversity?) stating the facts above and he hopes that this response will close out the issue.*

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Amy Miller to: downey.jennifer

Cc: Steve Armann, John Schofield, Max Weintraub

01/24/2012 09:04 AM

Jennifer: Can you check in with ADEQ on their investigation. Mr Nutter (original complainant has called). Please give him a call back today and tell him that you are checking on the status

Mr. Nutters number (810) 964-3248

\*Below is the last email chain I have on the topic. I know that John had referred it to ADEQ and had sent you some emails on it in December

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Fw: Redington Pass lead
Eric Magnan to: Amy Miller

12/16/2011 05:45 PM

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Amy,

Glad we got to catch up on this. Here are the reporter's questions on Redington Pass. The original tip is at the bottom of this note for convenience. The reporter told Margot that ADEQ said they had no knowledge of this site. It seems like the reporter wasn't talking to the right person. Please pass along any updates to Margot. I will be out and working at home for a couple hours on Wednesday, Dec. 21 and back in the office on Jan. 3.

I don't know what we can put together on a general response for this one that will be satisfying for a reporter, especially since we have handed it off for another agency to handle. What do you think?

Thanks,

Eric

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Hi Margot. I am actually off today.

I can give you a call tomorrow if that works for you. We really would like to stay in top of this story. It is of huge concern in this community. Where exactly does this complaint stand? Who is investigating it?

It has been filed for a while now
What does the epa plan to do with this next?

I am also trying to get some answers with the us forest service and ADEQ.
But they referred me to you. Seems like a lot if people are hesitant to talk about this. I am just wondering why it has been so long and nothing has been done.

Resident in the area and several local environmental groups are very concerned.

Thanks for all your help!
Connected by DROID on Verizon Wireless

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To: "Wasu, Sonu" <swasu@kold.com>
Sent: Mon, Nov 21, 2011 21:36:12 GMT+00:00
Subject: Re: Redington Pass lead

Sonu, Thanks so much for passing your story along, I really appreciate your follow up.

I just got a chance to look at the portion of the statement you used. Because I was unable to track down any information on this query under your tight deadline, I sent you a desk statement that neither confirms nor denies an investigation per the agency's long standing policy.

Perhaps we can chat at some point today?

Thanks!

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From: Margot PerezSullivan
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Yes, hopefully! Thanks Sonu!

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Hi! Thanks so much. I used a portion of your statement tonight. I will send you a link to my story.. hopefully can get some more information tomorrow or next week?

Sonu

From: PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov [PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2011 5:38 PM
To: Wasu, Sonu
Subject: Re: Redington Pass lead

I'm still trying to track this down. Is the story airing tonight? If so, you can use this:

EPA routinely investigates, issues notices of violations to, and enforces environmental violations against people or entities engaged in regulated activities. Because of the sensitivity of pending enforcement actions and pursuant to long-standing Agency policy, EPA does not disclose information that may interfere with active investigations, settlement negotiations or litigation.

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Re: Fw: Looking for information on pending enforcement action at Redington
Pass in AZ 

John Schofield to: Jennifer Downey
Cc: Amy Miller

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I am going to forward a couple of e-mails. Then we will talk.

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Fw: Referral of Tip/Complaint - Tucson/Pima County

John Schofield to: Margot PerezSullivan

Cc: Amy Miller

11/21/2011 10:56 AM

Here is my referral of Mr. Nutter's tip/complaint to ADEQ. I remembered I talked with Mr. Nutter. Apparently Mr. Nutter also made a tip/complaint through the tip/complaint hot-line/web-site. I forwarded you in Region 9 received the hotline/web-site tip/complaint.

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Subject: Referral of Tip/Complaint - Tucson/Pima County

Mel,

The following tip/complaint has been received by EPA Region 9. EPA is referring the tip/complaint to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to be addressed in accordance with ADEQ's policies and procedures.

Robin Holloway in our office received the following tip/complaint. Robin has given the tipster/complainant (Doug Nutter) your telephone number. Mr. Nutter, 810-964-3248, is concerned about a unofficial shooting site/range on Coronado National Forest land, north of Redington Road. Apparently this weekend there a solid waste cleanup on the site. Mr. Nutter is concerned about lead exposure to children that may be participating in the cleanup. Either Mr. Nutter or another person has sampled the soil for lead and found concentrations ranging from 4 mg/kg by the road to 22 mg/kg within the site. E-mail address for Mr. Nutter is Doug.Nutter@q.com.

Let me know if you have any questions regarding this tip/complaint.

regards,

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Re: Fw: Media Request - Fw: Redington Pass lead 
Rich Vaille to: Amy Miller

11/18/2011 04:09 PM

History: This message has been replied to.

thought you were on leave! ---see you Monday

Amy Miller

Could you look into this asap Amy C. Miller

11/18/2011 04:08:49 PM

From: Amy Miller/R9/USEPA/US
To: "John Schofield" <Schofield.John@epamail.epa.gov>, "Rich Vaille" <vaille.rich@epa.gov>
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To: Amy Miller
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Hi!! Here is a link to the story and video from my lead contamination story from last night.. if we can get more info or comments that would be great!! I am going to continue to follow this! =) Thank you for your help.. we stated that EPA was looking into the complaint and I used a portion of your statement!

<http://www.kold.com/story/16071942/epa-looking-into-lead-contamination-at-redington-pass>

From: PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:PerezSullivan.Margot@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 7:53 AM
To: Wasu, Sonu
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Yes, hopefully! Thanks Sonu!

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From: "Wasu, Sonu" [swasu@kold.com]
Sent: 11/18/2011 01:27 AM CST
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Hi! Thanks so much. I used a portion of your statement tonight. I will send you a link to my story..

hopefully can get some more information tomorrow or next week?

Sonu

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Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2011 5:38 PM

To: Wasu, Sonu

Subject: Re: Redington Pass lead

I'm still trying to track this down. Is the story airing tonight? If so, you can use this:

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